

1 March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy St. David's Day. I hope you and your families had a good half term. It was, once again, very strange last week returning to school in these circumstances.

Return to Face-to-Face Teaching

With regards to the return to face-to-face teaching, the information released to the public has still not been confirmed by Welsh Government. We have been given some possible return dates:

- Year 11 and Year 13 - Possible return on **Monday 15th March**. We have no confirmation on how this will be facilitated. There are discussions in Welsh Government around rotas and partial attendance.
- Year 10 and Year 12 - Possible return **before Easter**.
- Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 - Possible return **after Easter**.

In the meantime, distance learning work will continue to be provided for students on a daily basis according to the school timetable.

Qualifications

We have no further confirmed information to share regarding the assessment and awarding of qualifications apart from what we have already given you.

Teachers do need to gather evidence of students' achievements through completed work and assessments between now and the end of the summer term. It is, therefore, imperative that our students engage with the distance learning work that is being provided for them.

Results Days

Welsh Government has confirmed changes to the qualifications results days. Post 16 (Year 12 and 13) results day will now take place on **Tuesday 10th August** and Year 11 results will be distributed on **Thursday 12th August**.

Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 Vocational Qualifications Update

Please see a letter from Welsh Government related to vocational qualifications. [Letter to learners](#)

World Book Day

Thursday 4th March is World Book Day. To celebrate this, we, as a school, will be sending out tweets and challenges for students to engage with and a World Book Day Assembly will be shared by Progress Leaders for students to watch. All students will also receive a digital book token to enable them to purchase a £1 book from a participating bookseller. The theme this year is "Reading is Power". The aim is to change lives through a love of books and shared reading. If you would like to know more about World Book Day, please visit the website www.worldbookday.com

Mobile Data Allowances

We would like to make you aware of some recent opportunities to support learners who do not have access to a home broadband connection. Parents/carers/guardians who have contracts with BT Mobile, EE, Three and SMARTY are currently able to apply for mobile data uplifts for the period up to 31st July 2021 via the school at info@stjuliansschool.co.uk

Post-16 learners may be the named mobile contract account holder; if so, they are eligible to apply for an uplift in their own name.

Please be aware that this will involve the school collecting and sharing personal data. For more information and other suggestions for internet connectivity you may find helpful please follow the [link](#) to our website.

And finally ...

Don't forget to contact us if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or if you need any support or advice with home learning. Please email your child's progress leader or call the school on 01633 224490; lines will be manned during normal school hours (8am-4pm) as usual.

Stay safe.

Yours faithfully



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