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Dear parents/carers

Our younger students returned this week for their catch up days. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm for returning to the normality of a school day.

We have been really pleased that all our students have had the opportunity to spend time in school before the Easter holidays. We have been impressed how quickly they have readjusted to school life after spending so much time at home.

Easter Holidays

A reminder that the last day of term is today, **Friday 26th March 2021**. We have a planned INSET day on Monday 12th April 2021 and therefore, students will return to school on **Tuesday 13th April 2021**.

Return to School - Summer Term

A **full return to school** for all students will take place after Easter. The same measures to mitigate against Covid 19 transmission are in place.

It is important that students are **punctual** to school to ensure they do not miss out on any learning time. Please note the staggered start and end times for the different year groups. These have been adjusted slightly to avoid a large volume of students leaving and entering the site at the same time:

	Arrival	Gate	Period 1	Departure
Year 7	0830	East	0835	1440
Year 8	0835	East	0840	1440

Year 9	0835	West	0840	1450
Year 10	0840	West	0845	1450
Year 11	0840	East	0845	1500
Year 12 and 13	0830	West	0835	1500

School Uniform

With the return of the whole school after Easter, we will be reinforcing our high expectations of uniform. All students will be expected to be appropriately addressed in the correct school uniform when they return. Staff will continue to reinforce these rules on the school gates, and at entrances to the building and classrooms.

Canteens

Our canteens will reopen after Easter. The menus for the next term can be found [here](#).

Calendar

We have made some amendments to our school calendar in light of the lockdown and the loss of face-to-face learning this term. Our new dates for Form Tutor Progress Evenings and Full Reports are detailed below. Our Progress Evenings will most likely be an online evening via a software platform which facilitates such events for schools: more information will be shared next term.

- Thursday, 10th June - Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10 Progress Evening
- w/b 28th June - Year 10 Full Reports
- w/b 5th July - Year 9 Full Reports
- f/b 12th July - Year 7 and Year 8 Full Reports

These full reports will follow an exam and/or assessment period for each year group. Your child's Progress Leader will share further information nearer the time.

INSET Day

In addition to the above changes to the calendar, we have also moved the INSET Day scheduled for Friday 25th June to **Monday 7th June** to facilitate time for staff to moderate Centre Determined Grades for our examination classes. Students will, therefore, return from the Whitson half term break on **Tuesday 8th June**.

Assessment Update for Students Years 11-13

All our students in examination years have now been informed by their subject teachers about the expected assessments to assist the awarding of Centre Determined Grades for GCSE, AS and A Levels and Teacher Assessed Grades for BTEC qualifications. All information for parents,

carers and students is shared via a new area on our website: [Approach to Qualifications 2021](#). Here you will find an overview of each course and an assessment schedule too. After Easter, the school's policy and each subjects' assessment plans will also be shared. Qualifications Wales has written a [letter](#) to all students with their most recent update to CDGs: this details the reviews process. We will continually keep our students and their parents informed about updates too.

Positive Covid 19 Cases over Easter

Please continue to keep us updated of any positive cases over the Easter Holidays using the covid19@stjuliansschool.co.uk email address.

Lateral Flow Testing will resume for years 10 to 13 on Sunday 11th April and then Wednesday 14th April. New kits will then be issued to students on Friday 16th April.

And finally

It is pleasing that Easter break has coincided with an easing of national restrictions. I hope you enjoy the time with your families.

Happy Easter!

Stay safe

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher/Pennaeth