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Dear parents/carers

As this is my last letter this academic year, I would like to thank parents and carers for your support during an extraordinary year. In addition, well done to our students and staff who have shown remarkable resilience during the last year. Despite the numerous lockdowns and disruption to education, our students have had a successful year and made progress in the learning.

We had a positive visit from Estyn last week. Although we have aspects of our provision still to work on, the inspectors recognised that huge progress has been made since its last visit before the pandemic and noted the school is very much heading in the right direction to be removed from a category. They praised improvements in students' skills development, and their learning in various subject areas. In addition, the inspection team commented on the excellent behaviour of our students in lessons and around the site.

### **End of Term**

Our school year ends at **13:00** on **Monday 19th July** for students in **Years 7 to 10**. On this day, students do not have to wear their school uniform as activities with tutors are planned for after breaktime.

**Post 16** teaching ends on **Friday 16th July** for **Year 12** students across Newport; however, our Year 12 tutors will be available to meet with students before the end of term on Monday 19th July (11:00 - 13:00).

Please be aware that if we have a positive case of Covid-19 from a child in school on Monday, then we may need to contact you during the first days of the holiday to advise contact groups to self-isolate for a required period.

## **Staff Leavers**

We say a sad farewell to the following members of staff who will be leaving us at the end of term. I would like to thank them all for their contribution to St Julian's School and wish them all the best of luck for the future:

Tony Backhouse; Tracey Wynne; Theresa Redmond; Jacqui Morgan; Alison Thompson; Ruth Ferguson; Huw Roberts; Hellen Vinnicombe; Hilary Collins; Claire Taylor; Jeremy Johnson and Susan Saunders.

## **Start of Autumn Term 2021**

In line with other Newport Schools, our **Year 7 and Year 12** students will return to school on **Monday 6th September** and **Years 8 to 11 and Year 13** on **Tuesday 7th September**. Their times and gates are detailed below:

### **Monday 6th September**

- 8:25 Year 7 arrive at **East Gate** and head to the **East Cage**
- 8:35 Year 7 Welcome
- 8:45 Year 7 Tutorial (Tutorial, P1, P2)
- P3 Year 7 Teaching starts
- 11:30 - 13:00 Year 12 Arrive and Induction

### **Tuesday 7th September**

- 8:35 Year 7 Tutorial
- 8:35 Year 8 arrive at **East Gate** and head to the **East Cage**
- 8:45 Year 9 arrive at **West Gate** and head to the **West Front of School**
- 9:00 Year 10 arrive at **West Gate** and head to the **West Front of School**
- 9:10 Year 11 arrive at **East Gate** and head to the **East Cage**
- 9:30 Year 12 and 13 arrive and head to form rooms
- All forms have tutorial until P2 (10:00)
- P2 Teaching starts for all students

We will share more detailed information on the structure of the school day and any Covid-19 restrictions the week before we return to school in September. Whilst our staggered start times will end, other arrangements such as entry gates, the one way system and social zones will remain.

## **Uniform, Electronics and Equipment**

It is important that we continue making positive steps to meet our high standards with uniform, electronics and equipment. A separate letter will be sent to parents before the end of term which will remind our students of our expectations ready for the return to school in September.

## **Covid-19 and LFD's**

Students are not expected to continue with the LFD tests over the holiday period; however, they should resume testing on the day before they return to school. We will reissue further kits in the first week of the new academic year.

Please continue to report any positive covid-19 results if your child has been in school two days before symptoms start or tests positive on PCR tests. The email address for positive cases is: [covid19@stjuliansschool.co.uk](mailto:covid19@stjuliansschool.co.uk). There is no need to report Covid-19 results to school over the holidays.

## **Results Day**

**AS, A Level and L3 BTEC** results for our students in **Year 12** and **Year 13** will be sent via email at **08:30** on **Tuesday 10th August**; this is in line with all other schools in Wales. There will be staff in school to support Year 13 students who need help with university places via clearing.

**GCSE and L2 BTEC** results will also be sent via email to our **Year 10** and **Year 11** students **mid morning** on **Thursday 12th August**. We wish all our students luck with their final results this summer.

## **And finally,,,,**

We wish you and your families a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to seeing the students in school again on **Monday 6th September** (Year 7 and Year 12 only) and **Tuesday 7th September** (all students).

Have a lovely summer holiday.

Yours faithfully



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