Headteacher’s Message

I’d like to start with a huge thank you for your patience as you waited to hear our plans for September. You will be aware that the government guidance for schools was only released just over a week ago, since then we have been working at pace to plan and ensure we are ready. We have worked fast, but we have been very careful and cautious to ensure the safety of all staff and students in September. The staff are very excited to have all students back with us fulltime!

The last few months have been very odd, uncertain and concerning, but it finally seems as though we can see the blue sky through the dark clouds. None of us know what will happen long term, but as the country starts to reopen it does feel like we can see the ‘next step’. I love the quote above from the beautiful book ‘The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse’. Our ‘next step’ is for the students to re-join us in September… all we need to do is take that. Some students will be delighted and anxious to come in to school. Some of them will be just anxious… As you would imagine, we have put a huge amount of careful thought into both the practicalities of returning, and most importantly the students experience and their curriculum.

No child is ‘behind’. Our teachers and leaders are experts at planning the learning that each child needs and we will do this with extra care when the students return so that they can rebuild their confidence and learning habits (PRIDE). Some students will need a rapid push to deepen their thinking, others will need slow and careful confidence building. We will do whatever each individual child needs. We have so far and will continue to talk to students about three things, we would appreciate it you could reinforce this at home: (they are easy to remember as they make an ABC…)

You are not Alone
You are not Behind
You are Capable

What are the details?

We have worked very hard to make things as safe as possible. Yesterday we shared a letter and an accompanying ‘Parents and Carer Guide’ to tell you everything you need to know prior to September and the joyous moment when we will welcome all of our students back into school. If you missed these communications, don’t worry – the links are below. The school’s plans and risk assessment have been constructed carefully with detailed checking and input from experts in health and safety, the school governors, trade union representatives and representatives of The Futures Trust.

Detailed information about our reopening plans can be found below:


If you have any questions or concerns please contact us.

I hope that you have a nice relaxing summer and I am looking forward to seeing you in September.

Mr C Jupp
You have made it! The summer holidays are here and another school year is complete. This school year has been like no other and lots of challenges have been placed in front of all of you but the determination you have shown in this period has been so impressive and I am so proud of you.

I would like to welcome our New Year 8 pupils to the 8&9 Hub, the Hub team is looking forward to seeing you the first day back. I have been informed by Mrs Thomas that you are a hardworking and conscientious cohort of students and that leads me on to announcing the winners of the ‘Lockdown Pride Point Challenge’. The winners are......7 Loughborough, well done to all involved I hope to see this hard work carrying on in September.

A big well done also to our Students of the Week this week for their exceptional work ‘Phoebe Nurden, Reece Clark and Chi Pham’

Year 8 or should I say Year 9, I am delighted that you are part of the 8&9 Hub for another year. You have all impressed me so much with the amount of hard work you have all put into your studies since March, you have been exemplar of a year group. Next school year will have new challenges but I am so excited to see you all progress and get you ready for the next big step of your 7 year journey picking your GCSE options.

Mr DeMulder, Miss Mathieson and I would like to wish you all a lovely summer holiday and we cannot wait to see all of you in September.

Well done to Theo Tori for writing a superb article about NASA as part of his English Home Learning this week. Amazing work Theo, well done.

Miss Donaldson

Our school bubbles have finished the term with getting ‘Back to Nature’. The bottles we have collected over the past two weeks were recycled and reused to create poppies, carefully crafted and painted by our KS3 groups. These are now to be prepped to for an art installation. Well done guys!

Mr Barret and the 8/9 Hub

Shout out to Levi Barton, Alfie Griffith and Jason Gutteridge for their trangia cooking skills this week! BEST MELTED CHOCOLATE EVER!

In order to not suffer and not make other people suffer, love yourself first before you love others.

Fixing your mind will not only benefit the next person but also yourself.

Don’t stay in the dark, it’s okay not to be okay it doesn’t matter if you don’t even have a reason.

So fix that broken mind of yours, then use it like a sword.

You’re not weak or worthless, it’s not pity, it’s the truth.

You’re stronger than you look and even stronger than what other people think you are.

You’ll get through the test the world has put upon you and you’ll one day be free.

Chi Pham in Y7 wrote this incredibly powerful poem this week and turned it into a piece of artwork. Well done Chi – beautiful.
10 & 11 Hub

After a long and challenging term the summer holidays are upon us!

As we move towards September and the start of a new year we wanted to take this opportunity both to reflect upon our time during closure and also introduce the Hub to our new cohort.

To Year 10 - Well done! You have dealt with this difficult time by exhibiting PRIDE to adapt to the new situation you have been thrown into. We have no doubt that you will move into Year 11 with a positive attitude and shine. We know you will have anxieties and things will look different at first, but we are always here to support you to enjoy the success you deserve.

Year 11 – let us start by saying how proud of you we are. No other Year 11 cohort in history has had to deal with working so hard throughout their school career only to have the journey cut short just before the opportunity to show what you are made of in your exams. This opportunity may have been missed but your character will not have been diminished and we are confident these past few months will not impact on your future success. For those that will be joining us in P16 Select – we can’t wait to have you back! For those moving on to new adventures we wish you the absolute best of luck.

Year 9 – welcome to the 10/11 Hub! We have enjoyed meeting some of you this week and hearing from the 8/9 Hub what a fantastic year group you are! September will be an exciting time for you joining a new Hub and starting your options subjects. Like the other year groups we are sure you will have anxieties and we are here to help and support you settle in.

To all students, we hope you have a wonderful summer. Keep your minds active and look after yourselves!

Miss Wright and the Hub Team

Over the past week Year 10 have had their final ‘End of Year Tutor Competition'. This involved a quick quiz in true Friday Tutor Challenge fashion and also in the spirit of change, a scavenger hunt. The results are as follows:

Joint place for the tutor group with the most participants we have 10J and 10S.

Now for the individual awards:
1st= Josh McKenzie, Gaurav Badhan and Leoni Perkins with 15 marks
2nd = Tracy Quaye with 12 marks
3rd = Tatiana Cotai with 11 marks

A very special well done also goes to Kelicia O’Rourke in Y10 who has been fantastic across the closure – we are extremely proud of you!

Post M Select

Letters have gone out to all Year 13s about A level results day. We can’t wait to see you and support you in moving on to your exciting post-school destinations.

To current Year 12s – although it all feels a bit odd, we have made it through to the end of term! Well done for showing brilliant determination, positivity and enthusiasm to make the most of home learning and set yourselves up well for a great start to Year 13. We really are excited to have you back!

Your mentors are so proud of you for the way you have approached either the early application process, the meetings with external bodies (whether that be local GPs, university students and professors), attending webinars or taster sessions to support their understanding of their chosen profession...the list goes on! Miss Matthews sent a jam packed enrichment bulletin this week with LOADS of great activities to keep you busy over the summer – do check that out. Well done, keep up the good work and have a great break.

To those Year 11 students who have applied to P16 - We are so looking forward to welcoming you to the P16 select Hub next year and really enjoyed meeting you and taking your questions at our three virtual transition events. We will be around on results day to support you with your next steps and can’t wait to work with you in September and beyond. Have a wonderful summer break.

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A special shout out to the sociology students who have been incredible this week, reflecting on the progress they have made this academic year and setting themselves targets towards supporting their entry into Year 13.
Mascot Makers Wanted!

The Birmingham 2022 mascot will be a global icon for the Games. It should represent the identity, heritage, and culture of the Commonwealth Games, Birmingham and the West Midlands, and embody everything the city and region stand for: youthful, diverse, dynamic and creative, always looking to innovate and move forward.

We are looking for children across the country to design their own mascot and be in with a chance of winning family tickets to the Opening Ceremony on 28th July 2022.

The winning design will inspire the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games’ official mascot! Enter Here: https://www.birmingham2022.com/mascot/?utm_source=tw&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=mascot&utm_content=launchp1

Summer Art Competition

4 winners!

The library has had a refit and in the reading corner we want 4 cushions… printed with your designs!

Create a piece of art (or submit your best one from lockdown) and we will choose the best 4 to be printed on the reading corner cushions.

Prizes for each winning design!

Entries to Mrs. Stafford by 18th August via email or barrshill_art

Summer Activities and Wellbeing Programme

Active Summer is a programme designed to fully re-engage learners of ALL abilities following Lockdown due to COVID-19, so let’s all reset, rewire and RECOVER!

The aims of the programme are to:
• Engage with learners face-to-face or remotely
• Re-engage with friends
• Build confidence

Visit this link to BOOK NOW! https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/33296/active_summer