



7th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Principal's Update – Summer Term 3

I would like to start this update by expressing my appreciation to the many parents who sent messages of support over the Bank Holiday weekend and early this week, following the incident which took place on Honister Heights last Friday. Incidents of this nature are extremely rare in our community, so a level of concern is to be expected. It has been reassuring to see that students have responded very maturely and the Collegiate has continued to operate in its usual calm and focussed manner. The injured student is expected to make a full recovery soon. We continue to work with the families and other agencies, as necessary, to determine the next steps for the individuals involved and we are reviewing our procedures to be sure that they continue to operate effectively. The safety of our community will always be our top priority.

Year 11 & Year 13

The Senior Leadership Team visited Year 11 students this afternoon to congratulate them on their efforts over the last two weeks and to remind them of the importance of good attendance and maintained focus for the next three weeks as they resume regular lessons (some of which will continue to include further assessments) until 28th May 2021. We were also pleased to invite them to enjoy a free breakfast in the College VI Café on one morning next week from 9.00 – 9.25am (Monday=Aquila, Tuesday=Orion, Wednesday=Pegasus, Thursday=Phoenix) and to announce that the Year 11 Dinner & Dance has been booked for 9th July at Epsom Racecourse. Letters will be sent shortly with full details. After a turbulent year, this event will be something to look forward to.

Mr Smith was similarly pleased to be able to confirm an end-of-year celebratory event for Year 13 students this week – 16th July at Woldingham Golf Club. They also continue to have some assessments in lessons and should continue to attend as normal until 27th May 2021.

Year 10 Parents Evening

Thank you to parents of Year 10 students who attended the virtual Parents Evening this week. I hope that discussions were constructive. This event was the last virtual Parents Evening of this academic year, but given the very positive feedback we have received, we plan to continue operating the majority of Parents Evenings virtually next academic year as well. We would not want to lose all opportunities for face-to-face interaction and so will ensure that some events take place on site, but we hope that a blended approach will better suit parents and teachers.

Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards

A virtual presentation is being given to current Year 9 (Bronze) and Year 10 (Silver) students with information about participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. An email will be sent out to parents early next week with information on the award and how to enrol.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Dey
Principal