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Headteacher: Louise Voden

Dear Parents / Carers of Year 12 and Students in Year 12

It was wonderful to see our Year 12 students returning yesterday following their successful Form Tutor meetings last week. In terms of wellbeing, adjusting to a “new normal”, and after reading so much research regarding the importance of giving students the time and space to regroup and renew before returning to a full focus on academics, we believe that this more gradual expansion was definitely what was required, and yesterday’s attendance figures support that. We are extremely appreciative of the support from our families, which has clearly provided students with the confidence and enthusiasm to return to their expanding school provision and we wish to thank you for that.

However, we are going to request your support on one further matter; social distancing. We would appreciate all families reinforcing the importance of maintaining this not only whilst in school, but also on the way to and from school, and within the community. Although we do not mind issuing frequent reminders regarding social distancing while in school, we will expect all students to respond immediately and without question to these instructions. Similarly, when leaving the school site, students should respect social distancing measures as they move away from school and past members of the public. It would be helpful if families could explain that there are members of the public who are extremely anxious about being “out and about”, doing their shopping themselves, and it is not helpful if they are walking along the road and need to pass large groups of students.

As always, we appreciate your support; it was wonderful to see Year 12 in school and we look forward to seeing the remaining groups attending the rest of the week for their Masterclasses.

Yours sincerely

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