



Tuesday, 14th April 2026

Dear Parents,

RE: Secondary Update 14 April

We are writing to share with you the arrangements for our pupils from Sunday 19th April, as we begin a carefully planned, phased return to on-site learning over the next two weeks.

We fully understand how important stability and routine are for our pupils and families. At this time, due to our current staffing situation, we are not yet able to bring all year groups back to school at once. However, we are committed to ensuring continuity of learning while prioritising the wellbeing, safety, and academic progress of all our pupils.

From Sunday 19th April, we will invite all pupils in Years 10–12 to return to school to continue their exam subjects. This focused approach is particularly important for Year 11, as we work closely with pupils to meet essential deadlines and ensure they are well prepared and able to be certified for their IGCSEs this year.

Pupils in Years 7–9 will continue with online learning during the week beginning 19th April. During this time, lessons will run as normal, with live online teaching and regular contact from staff to support learning and maintain engagement.

Our intention is then to welcome Years 7–9 back to school on Sunday 26th April. This phased approach allows us to take the necessary steps to ensure a safe, calm, and well-organised return.

We kindly ask for your understanding and patience as we work towards restoring a full face-to-face provision, which we know is the strong preference of the vast majority of our parent community. Once we have fully returned to on-site learning, it is unlikely that we will be possible to continue providing online lessons alongside this, in line with Ministry guidance and in order to ensure that teaching and support on site are delivered to the highest standard.

We are very grateful for your continued support and cooperation during this transition. Your partnership is vital in helping us provide the best possible experience for our pupils, and we remain fully committed to their learning, wellbeing, and success. Further details regarding on-site procedures will be shared with you ahead of each phase of the return.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us, as we are always happy to support.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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Head of Secondary