

## **19 June Update**

I am going to focus on the upcoming plans for the end of this term, and into next academic year, to help you with your planning. Starting with this term, we are going to continue with our published term dates, so the final day of this term will be Friday 3rd July, with remote lessons finishing at lunchtime, followed by the release of Lists (the end of term assembly) to pupils at 2pm on Friday afternoon. Then, on Saturday 4th July we are holding our first ever virtual Speech Day. This is a combined Speech Day for FPS and Senior School, and the pupils have been asked to contribute by sending in a recording of themselves singing one of our hymns, 'I The Lord of Sea and Sky'. Instructions for doing this are in this newsletter, and parents are encouraged to contribute as well if they would like!

This does mean that we will not be able to welcome back Years 9 and 11 this term. I am aware that schools have been given some more flexibility, but this is mostly intended for those who have not been able to access remote education. With the plans in place for Year 10 and Lower 6th, and the intention to run boarding in the last week as well, under the current restrictions, we have decided that we would not be able to do anything meaningful for those year groups. I understand that this will be disappointing for some students, but we have been very impressed at the work that has been covered, and with both year groups already starting their GCSE, A Level or IB studies, they should be in a good position for September.

**Chris Townsend**

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