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Dear Parents and Carers

I very much hope you are enjoying your summer and, as I write to you amidst 35-degree heat, I cannot help but think of how many St Dunstan's barbecues are scenting the balmy London-air!

You may recall from my end of term letter that the College Leadership Team was due to meet today, for an interim meeting, to discuss our ongoing planning for the return of school in September. We met virtually this morning and took forward a number of issues, including: potential changes to the timetable for facilitating social distancing; staggering lunch arrangements; managing the co-curricular programme; adjusting the way certain subjects are taught; clarifying the technology and staffing required to support the inevitable mixed economy of on-site and at-home working; PPE and site safety; managing the integrity of pupil bubbles; allocating appropriate external recreational space for all pupils; providing psychological and wellbeing support for pupils. We also noted the need to schedule a suitable celebratory event for Year 11 and Year 13 as soon as is practicable and appropriate.

Whilst the full details of our plans will come in due course, I did want you to know that you and your children remain at the forefront of our minds, and our planning continues in earnest. The next meeting is on 21 August, and it is my intention to send you a full briefing before that weekend. For the time being, you still have our 'Reopening of the College' guide, (which can be found [HERE](#)), the vast majority of which remains relevant and up to date, as fortunately government guidance has stabilised over recent weeks and our thinking has not had to take a dramatic change in any particular direction.

It remains my overriding priority to reopen the College in full in September, to do so with routines and procedures that make our sites as safe as possible, and to continue to offer the very best of a broad curricular and co-curricular programme to your children, enveloped within first-rate pastoral care.

Although the holiday continues, many of our services have not stopped, in particular our counselling team remain on hand for supporting pupils. Please do encourage your children to make use of this, should they be struggling with any of the current challenges.

In other news, I know you will be thrilled to hear that our building work continues apace, and I look forward to sharing with you the great excitement of seeing our bright future materialise so tangibly and impressively.

I wish you all well and continued enjoyment of the summer break, and I will next be in touch on 21 August.

Yours sincerely



Mr N P Hewlett
Headmaster