



Easter letter to the Parents and Guardians of our International Pupils

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we approach the end of the spring term, we would like to update you on the situation here at the Senior School. I think it would be fair to say that things have been a little challenging at times over the past few months, but having pupils back on site and Boarders back in Boarding Houses has started to get our usual sense of purpose and drive at the school reignited. There really is no substitute for having the buzz of excited students back around the campus, working hard and enjoying all of the educational opportunities that Bede's has to offer.

The situation with regards to Coronavirus in England at present is really very promising. Things are improving rapidly. In the U.K. we have almost 30 million adults vaccinated from the most vulnerable sectors of society, with the vaccination programme continuing at an amazing pace. Coronavirus infection rates continue to fall and there is a genuine sense that coming out of winter, with mass testing and continued biosecurity measures in place, that with care we can start to come out of lockdown safely.

At Bede's, all returning Boarders are strongly encouraged to complete a lateral Flow Test for Covid-19 before entering our Boarding Houses. We take great care to maintain Covid-safe bubbles and follow the Boarding Schools Association's Covid-safe Charter very carefully. We have offered a Quarantine for International Students travelling to the School and even went as far as to send one of our Assistant Headmasters out to Hong Kong at the start of the Christmas holidays to supervise the study of our children quarantining in a hotel. They were cared for and supported throughout their two week quarantine. We will offer the same level of care upon their return to the U.K. at our Quarantine Programme.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back your sons & daughters for the summer term so that they can enjoy all of the academic opportunities on offer, participate in our activities programmes and get the very best that an English Boarding Education can offer. Our Housemasters and Housemistresses are also very much looking forward to welcoming them back to our community and into their home away from home.

We will be delighted to see your children on the 18th of April ready for the summer term,

Yours sincerely,

Mr Juniper

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