

8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

The  
COUNTY  
HIGH SCHOOL  
Leftwich



Dear Parent / Carer

As stated at a very emotional final Year 11 Assembly on the 19<sup>th</sup> March, it was extremely disappointing and sad that Year 11 wouldn't get the chance to take their examinations, which they had worked so hard to prepare for and nor would they get to enjoy many of the celebration events they have seen previous Year 11 students experience. I continue to share this sadness with them and continue to be immensely proud of how they have coped with these difficult circumstances.

It has been heartening, however, to see so many Year 11 students visit the school over the last week. I have been impressed but not surprised that on coming back to school, the Year 11 students' first thoughts have been to say 'thank you'. In particular, thank you to their fabulous Tutors and to their fantastic, dedicated and caring Year Leader, Mrs Berry. These 'thank yous' are certainly well earned and I second them wholeheartedly. The Review Meetings have also been vital in following up the support we have offered to our students for their emotional well-being. These meetings have provided a bridge between the well-being phone calls Tutors made earlier in the Summer term and have provided Tutors with an opportunity to ensure Year 11 students have a plan for the short, medium and long term. In addition, it has been impressive to hear from many of the Year 11 students about how they have continued to engage with the home learning we have been providing for Year 11 and how they have appreciated the Year 11 Assemblies Mrs Berry has provided over the last 15 weeks. Whilst all schools have different challenges and priorities, I am very proud of the thought, effort and care my colleagues have shown for our Year 11 students and I believe it compares favourably with other Secondary Schools.

As we near the end of this very different academic year, I would like to share our current thinking regarding two very special and important Year 11 events. As with so many events at this time, what follows is correct at the time of writing and we will have to keep all plans under review. We will confirm details nearer the time and/or update parents/carers should we need to change any of the details.

### **Results Day - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

I am delighted to invite Year 11 students and their parents/carers to our Results Day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The event will be held from 09:30, outside, on the patioed area outside of the Science rooms, next to the back of the Gym (there will be signage on the day). At the event, students will be able to collect their GCSE/BTEC/OCR Nationals results and their Year Book for those who have ordered one. Cold refreshments will be available and photos will be taken for those who consent. We want to make the event a celebration of everything our Year 11 students have achieved.



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Whilst we want to ensure that the event is a celebration, obviously, we need to ensure the event is as safe as possible, therefore, we do ask that all visitors maintain social distancing, keeping 2 metres apart, wherever possible. Hand sanitisers and tissues will be available. We will also need to collect the contact details of one person from each household who attends.

Results Day 2020 will therefore be planned following our new ways of working described below:

### **Our New Ways of Working**

Our evolving risk assessments, which are being created in conjunction with the Sir John Brunner Foundation and following all the guidelines from the Department for Education, Public Health England and various unions and associations, are being used to generate what we are describing as updated 'new ways of working'. These have been developed and have evolved utilising the Department for Education's 9 system control measures, designed to keep us as safe as possible. These are split into two sections: Prevention and Response to any Infection. **It is every member of The County High School, Leftwich community's responsibility to ensure the school stays as safe as possible by following these system controls and their associated actions.**

<b>Prevention</b>	<b>Response to any infection</b>
1. Minimise contact with individuals who are <b>unwell</b> by ensuring those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, <b>do not attend school</b>	7. Engage with the NHS <b>Test and Trace</b> process
2. <b>Clean hands thoroughly</b> more often than usual	8. <b>Manage confirmed cases</b> of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community
3. Ensure <b>good respiratory hygiene</b> by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach	9. <b>Contain any outbreak</b> by following local health protection team advice
4. Introduce <b>enhanced cleaning</b> , including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach	
5. <b>Minimise contact between individuals</b> and maintain social distancing wherever possible	
6. Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)	

### **Celebration Event (to be confirmed)**

Whilst it is too early to be able to plan any gathering inside a venue, our current thinking is to have a Year 11 Celebration Event in the School Hall, once it is safe to do so. This Celebration Event will provide us with an opportunity to formally say well done to our students and present prizes, in the presence of their families. We will share plans for this event with students and parents/carers once finalised, which realistically will be in 2021.

I look forward to seeing my Year 11 students again at Results Day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Please continue to look after yourselves and each other,

Mr Snelson



Principal