



19 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: 'Proud to be a Coventrian' (July 2021)

There are times this year when one could be forgiven for wondering how we were going to get through it. The national lockdowns, the self-isolation, the ups and downs of COVID cases within our communities have tested us all.

As always, I am immensely proud of our young people and our staff at the school this year. The resilient manner with which they have carried on has inspired us all. The school has acted boldly, whether that be in producing a summer leavers party on the school fields or putting on a whole school inclusive sports day, opening up the sporting fixture program, the Aqua centre trip or DofE expedition. Our students have been able to once again engage with the vast array of extra-curricular activities at Finham; something that has no doubt supported improvements in their mental health.

The school is continuing to prepare for September during the summer holidays whether that be with the construction work of the new Performing Arts block (E block) starting in August or the awarding of GCSE and A-Level grades. Construction has already begun on our new Food Technology room and extra Science lab and the Outdoor Classroom will get a revamp to increase its size so more students can use it in lessons or social times.

I was pleased last week to enable the expansion of our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy from September with parents already registering their intention using the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-oB-mRFhI9eaVB_e8ZtkHiSw1XhwTBTmcevjdkV6z-Inr6w/viewform.

Parents are also already registering their interest in the lease scheme, live from October half term:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTqL7pOUwWO5TJmMGa5qfH42OzUZe0cINffZ9zPA18zJq0Uw/viewform>

Rather than slow down towards the end of term, today we are engaged in a City of Culture Day with guest appearances from 'Dreadlock Alien' who is working with students to create a performance poem to celebrate the culture and history of the City of Coventry. We hope that our final City of Culture poem written by the school will go live on BBC Coventry and Warwickshire tonight. Next year, we are going to fly the flags that did not get used in the city centre to celebrate City of Culture. It is so important that our young people understand the history of this city starting with the River Sherbourne and where the sky blue colour comes from to the importance of Peace and Reconciliation, the immense transportation industry in Coventry and jet engine designs by Sir Frank Whittle. Such a rich history to rightly be proud of!

The start of September will unfortunately look different from a normal year once again as we get students LFD tested before they start in school if we have consent to do so. Students will start on different days according to year group as per the letter sent last week (on our website).

I do hope you all manage to get some downtime over the summer months with time spent with loved ones and I look forward to continuing to work with you to support our young people through next year.

Yours faithfully,

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