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## BISHOPSHALT SCHOOL

*"Above all else a place for learning"*

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Ref:MCG/ber/Parents Letter September 2020

Dear Parents & Caregiver

Firstly, I want to thank you all for your continued support to Bishopshalt over the last week. It has been wonderful to have all of our staff back at school where they have been participating in training for new procedures and protocols to ensure we have a safe as possible environment.

This week we have welcomed back our new Year 7 and Year 12 cohorts. These Year groups did not have the usual transition programme to school, nor exams last year, so being able to have them in with their own dedicated time has been exceptionally beneficial to them. Students are the best part of a school, and having them back on site and learning has been truly fantastic.

As the rest of the school return next week, please can I ask that your children arrive at school at their allotted arrival time each day. This was sent to last week, and can be found on our website, which we ask you to continue to regularly check. As you are aware, students are to attend school in the full school uniform on their first day. After this point students will attend in full school PE kit on the day they have Core PE. Students should speak to their Form Tutor if they have any issues around their PE Kit.

Please can I also remind you to top up your child's ParentPay account so that they can access the Dining facility if they so wish. We understand that there have been some issues with ParentPay over the summer, but we have been assured that these are now resolved. If you have concerns please contact the Finance Office at the school.

The Year ahead is one that will be truly exciting. There will not be a 'new normal' at Bishopshalt, as we don't believe Bishopshalt was ever 'normal'; we will simply be a 'new Bishopshalt'. We will be continually developing our House system, focus on Teaching and Learning, and ensure we continue to provide all students with 'Bright Futures'. At this present time we are integrating all of our learning material and homework onto the Google Platform. This will enable you to access all homework and resources that have been set for your children. Further details of this will be provided in due course.

I will continue to provide you regular updates as we are able to provide more services and opportunities to students at school in the weeks ahead.

Once again, thank you for all of your support and we truly cannot wait to see all of our students back at school next week.

Yours sincerely

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