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BISHOPSHALT SCHOOL

"Above all else a place for learning"

29th June 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

On the Monday 5th of June we welcomed back Year 10 students, and then Year 12 on Wednesday 17th. Over the last two weeks it has been wonderful to see our students each day and to continue their on-site education in support of their online learning. Please see this video we produced of [the first day students returned](#).

A reminder to parents to keep engaging with the weekly activity lists, and thank you for your support in ensuring that your child is attending the Live On-line lessons, the Tutor time and weekly Year Assemblies through Google Meet. There is a vast array of activities and support available to students and all resources are available through our website.

Whilst at this present time we can't be sure what September will look like, however at the moment, we are planning for a return to normal in September. We continually monitor all guidance and the COVID-19 local and national situation. We will however ensure that the transition back to school is staged, and as smooth as possible for all year groups. The school calendar will be made available on the school website and to you before the end of this term. Key dates to note are that Induction for Year 7 and 12 will take place on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September, with the whole school returning on Monday 7th September. Any forced alteration to this we be communicated as early as possible, we ask that parents continue to check the school website for the latest information.

In the coming weeks we will be sending Year 11 and Year 13 procedures for results days that will take place during the summer holiday. We are currently awaiting further guidance from Ofqual about how this will work. In the interim it is wonderful to see so many Year 11 students completing the bridging work for the Sixth Form and attending the weekly assemblies. Year 13 students were contacted this week by Mr Cockcroft about the possibility of returning next year to support younger students. We look forward to supporting these students next year at a time when their first year of University will not be as they had once hoped.

As you are aware the Government has now stipulated that we can invite in Year 7, 8 and 9 for a 'keeping in touch day', this will take place be on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th July. The students will be invited to come in at various times, they will be small groups and will meet their tutor; they will also be able to visit the the library to take out a reading book for the summer holiday. Please be assured that we will provide all information at the earliest opportunity.

We have received the insurance reimbursements for all trips that were cancelled due to COVID, and parents were refunded by last Friday. If you think you are entitled to a refund, yet are still to receive it, please contact the Finance Office at the school so that this can be rectified.



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Last week Bishopshalt conducted an 'On Line' Sports week. It was a fantastic week of activities for all who competed. Cancer Research 5K Race for Life was the main event for our sports week this year and I am pleased to say that we have raised over an incredible £3500 at the time of writing. What an amazing effort from the entire community.

Finally, can I please ask, for whatever reason, if your child will not be returning to Bishopshalt in September, could you notify the school at the earliest possibility, this can be done via email to office@bishopshalt.hillingdon.sch.uk or telephoning Mrs Cookson, Admissions Officer - 01895 233909.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. McGillicuddy', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr L McGillicuddy
Headteacher

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