



8th July 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

We have just endured fifteen of the most challenging months of our lives. We are, hopefully, coming to the end of the pandemic, one that for many has caused severe challenges to family, employment and education.

Much sadness has been evident within our College community and our heartfelt prayers go to members of the College community adversely affected the Covid pandemic.

In adversity the College community has worked tirelessly to ensure your children are kept safe and supported emotionally through this difficult period. I would like to celebrate:

- All our wonderful students who have continued to challenge themselves and work hard during their extended periods of time at home.
- You, as parents and carers, for all your continued support of your children to help them through this difficult time and for your many positive comments thanking the College staff.
- The teaching and support staff of the College who have continued to educate your children onsite and online, as well as supporting both students and parents/carers by providing constant emotional support.

I would like to praise our Year 11 and year 13 students who after many years of dedication were unable to take their examinations. Our promise is to ensure that we support all these students to move on to the next part of their education whether it be in our outstanding Sixth Form College, University or on an apprenticeship.

There are a number of staff who will be leaving the College at the end of this term;

Teaching Staff – Mr McNulty (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs McConvery (Assistant Headteacher), Miss Hilditch (Science) and Mr Brigden (Science).

Support Staff – Mrs Jessop (Teaching Assistant), Mr Lee-Jones (Student Services) and Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Gore, Mrs Smith and Mrs Hickey (Environment Team).

Can I take this opportunity to thank Mr McNulty who has been in the College for 21 years, with 16 years as Deputy Head teacher. Mike has made an outstanding contribution to the College in all the roles he has undertaken. He will be greatly missed by the whole College community. I wish Mike a happy and bright future in the new adventures he will now undertake.

The official start date for students is Friday, 3rd September. However, the government has announced that students will need to be tested (those who give consent) before returning to the College in September. Therefore, at this time, I am not in a position to confirm specific start times and dates in September for each year group.

Please check the College website, during the summer break, for further updates.

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We continue to be the first choice school for so many parents and students in the north end of this great city and once again we are heavily oversubscribed for September. I know that parents see the college as a place that continues to prepare, educate and support the young people in our care. Hopefully, in September we will return to some normality and our College community can come together again without bubbles.



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You can be assured the College community will continue to spend the time and energy needed to support, develop and nurture our students in the year ahead.

College will finish for summer at **12 noon on Friday 16th July**, and I hope that all the students have a relaxing summer and are refreshed for the busy year ahead.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer and ask that you keep all our community in your thoughts and prayers.

Mr P Dickinson
Headteacher

“When This is Over” by Laura Kelly Fanucci

*“When this is over,
May we never again take for granted;
A handshake with a stranger,
Full shelves at the store,
Conversations with neighbours,
A crowded theatre,
Friday night out,
The taste of communion,
A routine checkup,
The school rush each morning,
Coffee with a friend,
The stadium roaring,
Each deep breath!
A boring Tuesday.
Life itself.*

*When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be,
we were called to be, we hope to be, and may we stay that way — better for each other because of the
worst.”*