



July 2020

To: All Parents and Carers of Year 8 Students

Dear Parents and Carers

As the end of the academic year approaches, I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

This year has been like no other for all students, especially those in Year 8 who will have spent half of this academic year in lockdown. Whilst we have seen the introduction of new methods of delivering curriculum content to students I am sure you will agree that this is just a fraction of what is needed for the education of a young person. I am sure your child will have missed their friends, the social interaction with their peers and teachers as well as the structure provided by a school day.

As you will be aware the government has announced that all students will be expected to return to full time education in September 2020. The following proposals for the return of students currently in Year 8 have been ratified by our governing body. These arrangements only cover the first week in September and may be subject to change following the calendared government announcements with regards to education on **11th August 2020**.

Having observed and spoken to our Year 10 students upon their recent return to Denton Community College it is apparent that students and parents have a number of concerns about coming back into the school building. To support them with their anxieties we propose to bring students back in the school building for a short re-integration session during the first week. This will be a 2 ½ hour session where students will remain within their form groups. They will receive a tutorial which will clarify and explain our new systems and procedures that will be implemented for their wellbeing and safety. They will also receive their timetables and an explanation on how the curriculum will be delivered. Students will have a re-orientation tour of the building as well as a catch up session in English and mathematics. In addition to their re-integration session students will be provided with additional online learning tasks which are to be completed at home during the remainder of that week.

To ensure the safe return of students only half of the year group will be in school at any one time for the re-integration sessions. Whilst students from another group will be in the building we will be using our Homebases to ensure students remain in their allocated half year group bubble. Our aim is to have welcomed all our students back into the building by the end of the first week (**Friday 4th September 2020**).

Your child will be moving into Year 9 so their allocated time slot will depend upon their form group. The sessions for Year 9 will take place on **Thursday 3rd September** as follows:

AM: Adlington, Bussell, Coe, Dench & Holmes

PM: Lennon, Lowry, McKellen, Redgrave & Thompson

Please note that these proposals are subject to change following the calendared government announcement on **11th August 2020**. Our aim is for all our students to return to their full timetable from **Monday 7th September** if at all possible. I will write to you again during the week beginning **17th August 2020** to confirm our final arrangements for September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Rule', written in a cursive style.

Mr G Rule
HEADTEACHER