



Our Ref: TKi/JEd

23 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of a very busy half term it is lovely to see how much positive progress the school has made since its return in September.

I hope many of you will have seen the school on Look East this week where we were featured in a piece regarding the return to school and how students are coping in the current climate. Our new Head Boy and Head Girl, Christina and Dylan, Miss Pearson's art class, along with our nurses (who have delivered well-being sessions to Year 7 and 8 students this term) all featured and came across really well.

We are pleased with our students and staff response to our Covid measures. We are fortunate not to have had any positive cases this half term. However we are conscious that with the infection rate increasing we are likely to see cases next half term. We therefore attach to this letter a student user guide for Teams which some students will have already used in ICT and other classes. After half term in the event of a student self-isolating, they will need to be able to log on to Teams and therefore if you have a chance over half term to set this up it will be really useful. We will work with students on this after the break and ensure all are able to log on.

Mr Froy and I sent a letter earlier this week regarding an external review that had taken place on 6th October. It was really nice to have visitors in school and for them to report so positively on the progress made since our last Ofsted inspection. I have been really impressed with the work ethic and positive attitude displayed by our students and staff this term. A thank you also to our parent body who have been so supportive to the school.

In readiness for next half term can I ask parents to check their son/daughters still have their water bottle, badge and equipment as during this pandemic it is necessary for students to be fully equipped and to avoid the need for lending equipment. The equipment list is overleaf for your information.

Progress reports will be distributed week commencing 2nd November 2020; this will report your child's current progress from the teaching that has taken place this term.

I have encouraged staff to rest and recuperate after a busy start to term. Therefore it is unlikely that staff will be checking their emails over the half term break. If you need to get hold of us during the break please direct your correspondence to saa@sybilandrewsacademy.co.uk.

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Wishing you a restful half term, keep safe and well.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T King'.

Miss T King
Principal

Dates for your Diary:-

- Tuesday 10th November 2020 – Year 11 Academic Mentoring sessions 4:00-6:30pm (via Parents Evening system)
- Tuesday 10th November 2020 – Year 7 Parent Forum – 6:30pm (via Zoom)
- Tuesday 24th November 2020- Parent Forum – 6:30pm (via Zoom)
- Thursday 3rd December 2020 – Year 11 Awards Evening – 6:30pm (via Zoom)

Equipment List

A pencil case which contains:

- Two black or blue pens
- Pencil
- Purple pen (school will supply the first one)
- Rubber
- Ruler
- A calculator
- A reading book
- Mini whiteboard pack – board, pen, cloth (provided by the school)