



Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Dear parents/guardians

Welcome back!

Welcome to the new academic year. We are very much looking forward to seeing all of the students again tomorrow. We are fully prepared for the grand return; the safety measures are fully in place and the school is looking smart and welcoming. Our new 'year group zones' are set up and our Year Leaders are keen to meet their new year groups.

Please read the latest government advice for parents [here](#) and, as always, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Summer examination success

I'm sure that you have already read about our GCSE and IB students' successes. As you would expect the vast majority of our Year 11 students are returning to the Sixth Form to begin their IBDP or IBCP programmes. We're looking forward to welcoming them as our new Year 12 cohort tomorrow. Over the last few weeks, our Year 13 students have secured some exciting and impressive destinations. Three quarters of the year group have already secured a university place (including 19% to elite Russell Group universities and four students to Oxford University). In addition, 22 students are moving on to higher level apprenticeships or high quality employment, including the uniformed services. We are very proud of all of the students in these two year groups, they have demonstrated impressive resilience and determination during this challenging time.

New staff

At the start of this year, we welcome new colleagues to Dane Court. I know that they are looking forward to meeting you and the students.

- Ms Hammond – Science
- Miss Holland – English
- Miss Jessiman - English
- Mr Coyne – PE Assistant
- Mr Gardiner – Creative Media Technician
- Mrs Sayer – Receptionist

Finally, I would like to thank you for messages of thanks and support. I hope to see you again very soon.

Martin Jones
Headteacher