



Blackfen School for Girls

Raising aspirations - releasing potential

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Dear Parent/Carers,

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I would like to thank you for your ongoing work and your continued support during these challenging times. I hope that you and your family are well.

As we enter the final 4 weeks of the school year I thought it was timely to update you on where we are and what is happening moving forwards, as far as we know and have had guidance about.

Staff will continue to set and assess work and it is vitally important that your daughter/son continues to engage with her learning.

Year 10 students and year 12 students returned to lessons in school last week and these have gone very well. It has been lovely to see them in school engaging in their work. These young people are blending their learning with the majority of their learning still being done at home. This type of learning will continue over the coming weeks.

Year 11 and 13 students will be receiving examination results on the normal results days in August and more details will be sent to all students regarding these days.

Years 7 - 9 students continue to work at home as per the present guidance and work will continue to be set. There are also some different days planned including the virtual sports day this week. More details will be sent about these.

Vulnerable young people and children of critical workers are able to come into school for their learning and there are now around 25 different students attending across the week. If your daughter is in one of these groups and you would like to take up this offer, please contact the school so that this can be organised.

We also welcome year 6 students who will be joining us in year 7 in September. This has been a virtual welcome and they will have a virtual induction day in July.

Naturally, we would like more students to be in school at this time but the guidance puts a cap on this under the present guidance. However, should the situation change we will contact you.

The Spring Progress Update will be sent to you over the coming weeks. This will give you an idea as to how your daughter/son was doing at this time. We will pick up any areas of concern arising from these from September onwards.

On Friday there was an announcement that the government was signed up to ensure all students would be back in school full time in September and I am sure that this announcement will be followed by regular announcements about what schools need to do in the short and long term. We are hoping to see some guidance on this in the coming weeks. I am as keen as anyone to have a normal and positive start to the next academic year. We are focusing our work on a recovery curriculum plan for students which



will focus on any gaps. Furthermore, we are looking at our mental health support for young people who have given up a great deal over the last few months at such an important formative time of their growing up. We are hoping that there will be some much-needed funding to support these plans and there have been some positive recent announcements in this respect.

As Head Teacher I am committed to providing the best life chances and opportunities for all our young people and I know how much formal education and the importance of being in a school setting underpins this. I know that we all want the best for all our young people. I will continue to update you on the present situation and provide you with information about next academic year.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Matthew Brown
Head Teacher

