



SAINT KENTIGERN

15 November 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This letter is to provide Year 7 families with important information about the remainder of the school year.

Week 5 (this week 15-19 November) – we remain learning online. Myself, Kevin Taylor, and a number of the other Year 7 teachers, will be at school from Wednesday. If your family circumstance means it would be necessary to send them to school Wednesday to Friday this week, we will supervise them doing their online lessons. They need to report in the first instance to EM10.

Week 6 (22-26 November) - After 3 months away, Year 7 returns to school Monday to Wednesday and return to online learning for Thursday and Friday. Students are to stay at home for online learning (if possible, or we will look after them again at school if required).

Week 7 (29 November – 3 December) - At school Monday and Tuesday. Online at home Wednesday to Friday.

Week 8 (starting 6 December) – A decision is yet to be made regarding the end of Term date. Given that Middle School Prizegiving has been postponed, it is likely that Term 4 will finish on Friday 3 December. Confirmation of this will be communicated by the end of this week.

When we are online, we will follow the daily timetable and attend the classes as we have been doing.

For the five days in Week 6 and 7 that we will be onsite at the College, we will be doing something different. Year 7 Students will NOT be following the timetable for those five days. They will stay with their class and Form Teacher. Our Year 7's will have spent 40% of their first year at the College online learning. We want them to have a bit of fun to finish. Our programme will be a really positive way for the students to finish what has been a challenging year.

- Each of the eight teachers has planned a fun, hands on activity which last 90 minutes.
- They will also spend some time with their normal form teacher and if the weather is good, we may get outside in the afternoon for some class sport.
- We will also be giving out some Class Awards on the last Tuesday. Normally we have hundreds of parents attend this, but unfortunately this is not possible due to restrictions this year.

There is a **one-off cost** for this programme of **\$35** which we will charge to your account. Most of this charge will cover the costs involved in each student producing a commemorative plate that is symbolic of 2021 for them. The paint and plate are supplied. They will paint their design onto the plate and it will be professionally kiln fired.

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I acknowledge there is a wide range of thoughts and feelings about returning to school, which range from can't wait to send them back, through to genuine concern. We will be strictly enforcing the safety protocols of mask wearing, sanitising, classroom ventilation, staying in their class bubbles for activities, keeping them away from the older students during the day by staying around the EMC and practicing social distancing, to eliminate as much risk as possible.

As outlined in earlier communication, school buses will run as normal and students are encouraged to bring their own morning tea/packed lunch and a full drink bottle. Should the weather be good some time will be spent outdoors and sunscreen and sun hat are recommended.

In closing, we would like to thank the fabulous Year 7 teachers who really have worked tirelessly over the last three months to keep our students engaged and motivated. We would also like to thank you as parents for your support. We appreciate it has not been easy for you either, juggling children and work commitments, for such a long period of time. We will all deserve some screen-free summer freedom.

Kind regards



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