

These continue to be incredibly strange and challenging times for everyone. As I write this update we should be celebrating with our Year 11 students as they approach their final exams. Writing in their leavers books and having our last assembly with them before we can all celebrate together at their Prom. Last week we made a leavers video for these students, this can be found on the website. We have not forgotten about you Year 11!

We would also be planning our transition days for our new recruits ahead of their start in September. Lots of excited and nervous students filling up the school hall, wearing a spectrum of colour in different school uniforms. We continue to support the virtual transition for these students to ensure they get the best possible start to St Helena life.

This week we have welcomed back some Year 10 students. We aim to see all Year 10 students for face to face sessions before we break up for the summer holiday. It is lovely to see young people face to face again and get some sense of normal back into the corridors and classrooms. Those of you who are parents/carers of Year 10 students will have seen the changes we have made to school to make it safe for everyone via our information video on our website.

For the rest of the students we continue to provide our work online. Although not ideal it is great to see the high quality work that is being completed by students. Thank you to you, the parents and carers for supporting the completion of this work. Many of you will be working from home or have caring commitments for others, it is no mean feat to support virtual learning for such a sustained period of time.

As a school we continue to make all the necessary plans to create an operational school in September. However, we all know that there is plenty of time between now and then and anything can happen.

We will continue to communicate with you and ensure you are made aware of September plans prior to the last day of term, that being 17th July. I think we as co-educators of our young people will all enjoy a well deserved rest this summer.

Keep safe and take care

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