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Dear Parents/ Carers,

For us all, this week has been a week of change on the horizon as England prepares for the further lifting of some lockdown restrictions from Monday, and the government has released information about the reopening of schools in September. Socrates wrote,

'The secret of change is not in fighting the old, but building the new.' We are all looking forward to September and the return to school for all students, but in these last few weeks, we are ensuring that they are as productive as possible for students both in school and for those learning at home.

Term ends on Friday 17 July and this will signal the school closing completely for the summer holidays, the first complete closure since February half term. That means that we will not be open for any students during the summer holidays as everyone rests, recharges and prepares for September. The last day is calendared as a half day and this remains. Work will therefore not be set on the afternoon of 17 July. The only exception to this is that we will remain open on the afternoon of the 17 July for key worker students who require a place, and for the Year 10 students who are in school for the full day.

This week all Year 10 students have started their return to school, coming in for a day, which has been all about considering any worries or concerns while also focusing on the academic and preparing for the new academic year. It has been a real pleasure to see how happy they have been to be back in school after so long. Next week, along with more of our Year 10 students, all of Year 12 begin their sessions with their tutors, and we are looking forward to the school becoming even more full of life once again.

There has been lots of interest in the House competitions that were launched last week and there is still time to get involved with these. Year 9 have their Wellbeing Week next week, but that does not mean that there will be no contact from school. The Impact Day is on Thursday and this is an important part of students' education, so students must engage with this. Although no new subject work will be set for Year 9 next week, there will still be plenty of other ways to get involved in school life. Mrs Stenhouse and the form teachers will be continuing to contact students through Microsoft Teams throughout the week and on Monday, details of a week-long interform challenge will be released through the pastoral Google Classroom. There should be something for everyone and we hope that all Year 9s get involved and support their form.

A reminder of the other key dates remaining this term:

Week beginning 6 July.

Year 9 Wellbeing Week. No additional work will be set for **Year 9** except on the Impact Day.

Wednesday 8 July is Wellbeing Day for the whole school as this is where it falls on the rotation.

Thursday 9 July will be an **Impact Day** for all Year 7-10 students. This day will focus on PSHE topics that students must complete as part of their wider education.

Week beginning 13 July

Thursday 16 July is Wellbeing Day for the whole school as this is where it falls on the rotation

A reminder once again that if students are struggling they can email wellbeing@wkgs.net for advice. This email can also be used by parents/carers to contact us. If there are issues or concerns, we would encourage you to get in touch,

with just a few weeks remaining please don't feel that it won't be worth it. We want to support families as much as possible to address worries ahead of the new academic year.

We hope that everyone has a good weekend.

Kind regards,

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