

Monday 28th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 11 students have had a few weeks to settle back into the routines of school life and I am pleased to say that the start to the year has been positive. As you may be aware Mrs Pickersgill, Head of Year 11, is currently recovering from a successful operation after being diagnosed with breast cancer during the summer. We all wish her well in her recovery and look forward to her return later in the academic year.

To support Year 11 in their last year of secondary school, and ensure they are successful in finding a route beyond Pembroke, we have planned and are implementing a range of strategies. All members of staff are aware of how important this year is for the students, especially after lockdown, and we will endeavour to deliver the right provision for them with a bespoke curriculum. Members of staff you should be aware of that will be working closely with myself and Year 11 are:

- Mr Wilson (Form Tutor and Head of Science)
- Mrs Hepplestone, Mrs Elvin and Miss Kelly (Pastoral Managers)
- Mrs Doughty (Careers Leader)
- Mr Dominy (Head of English)
- Mr Warnock, Ms Halls, Miss Cross and Miss Burnett (Teachers of Maths)

If at any time you wish to contact Pembroke to discuss anything at all please do not hesitate to ring or email using the contact details at the bottom of the page.

With the experience of the last six months it has become ever more apparent that the future can be uncertain. With this in mind it is vital that all students are Ready, Safe and Respectful, both in and out of school, in order improve their life chances. End of course examinations in the summer are scheduled and students will need to be prepared for these. Every lesson is essential. Every learning opportunity needs to be grasped. Focus and concentration are a must. Distractions are there and need to be managed. Mobile phones, game consoles and social media can be appealing for teenagers and I know parents are supportive of our expectations at school in regards these; they have their uses, but need to be switched off and out of sight to allow students to concentrate effectively.

Below are a list of key dates and events you should be aware of. Naturally these are subject to change and are dependent on the ever changing situation with COVID-19.



<u>Key dates for Year 11</u> Monday 19th October 2020 Thursday 22nd October Thursday 4th March 2021 w/b Monday 23rd November

School Photos Parents Evening World Book Day & visiting author Mock Examinations

I look forward to Achieving Together with yourselves and the students throughout the year.

Yours faithfully

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Mr N Bibby Assistant Headteacher