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RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

Excellence for ALL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer term at Riverside School has got off to a superb start! I'm sure you will agree, the small signs of normality like the removal of masks in the classroom have been welcomed by just about all of us.

Throughout this half term your sons and daughters have been an absolute credit to you and the school, adapting and changing, as the national rules do, without fuss or bother, stoically taking it in their stride. They've returned to school with a smile and a sense of urgency and are working incredibly hard to ensure the disruption of the pandemic does not adversely affect their life chances. As a school we are leading this great work ethic to ensure 'Excellence for All' over the coming years. I thank you all for your continued support as we all strive to catch-up.

I am ever aware that, as parents and carers, you have had little feedback from school by the way of the usual parents' evenings or reports this year. We are currently assessing all students, now that the GCSEs and A-levels are nearly done, and will send progress reports home very shortly. Please remember you are always welcome to make contact with school if you have any concerns or questions, in the first instance with the Head of Year and the Head of Year would make contact with you for a meeting if we had any particular concerns.

This year the GCSE and A-level grades will be decided by the school using a robust schedule of mini-examinations with coursework assessments in some subjects. These grades are checked by other schools, senior leaders and finally the exam boards will sample a selection of evidence from subjects and students, making adjustments where necessary. We can be confident that the grades awarded will enable these young people to take the next aspirational steps they had always planned for in their education, training or employment. The BBC have produced a short video which explains this year's grading process and the reasons for appeal: [Testing times: How grades will be decided this year](#) 📺

Thank you for continuing to use the LFD to test your child twice weekly, this has been so important in ensuring students are self-isolating early if asymptomatic. I strongly encourage all students to continue testing during the break and before returning on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact us at any point if your child is self-isolating due to a positive test result.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May is the final day, returning to school on **Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 2021** for a normal **8.40am** start (8:30 on site).

We look forward to an increasingly normal and exciting end to summer term with some trips, visits and sports fixtures. Riverside Arts Festival and Sports Day are both planned to go ahead. These events enable Riverside students to showcase their amazing individual and team talents with both the confidence and humility that continue to make us all so proud.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all again, face-to-face, very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Roberts  
Headteacher