



# RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your families continue to be well. As I write, we are now entering a period where some sort of normality seems to be returning- slowly but surely. We have been very busy here in school preparing for the return in as safe a way as possible for groups of our Y10 and Y12 students starting next week. It will be wonderful to welcome students back, school has been a strange place with only relatively small numbers of children here throughout the pandemic. Detailed plans have been sent out to the relevant year groups and it's important that you read through these and stick to the correct days and times. I have also published plans and risk assessment documentation on our school website which give you a flavour of how we have prepared the site with everyone's health and safety in mind.

Students in these year groups will be anxious about public examinations next year. I suspect Ofqual and the exam boards will publish further information regarding their plans in due course. I am speculating but I imagine there will be some reduction in the amount of content to be assessed. Please try not to worry about it at this point. Again, we will do everything we can to support you when the model for next year is published.

For the next four weeks, remote learning using a blended approach via ClassCharts will continue to be how we set and monitor work for all students. We are undergoing training and trialling different technologies here in school to try and vary how we stay in touch and check on everyone's progress. We are increasing the amount of Google Meet and Zoom style input to our remote learning but there are technical and access issues that we have to resolve in assuring that this is fair to all of our students. However, many of the teachers are keen to enhance this aspect for everyone so please do take part if you are invited and are able to do so.

Most of our students in Y9 should now know their Option Choices for next year and staff will be setting GCSE bridging work for you to consider. Work will no longer be set for subjects pupils are no longer studying. Please contact Dr Ainsworth if you have any questions relating to options choices.

If you haven't already done so this year, you will receive an end-of-year report for your child before the end of term. This will mainly focus on work/effort from before the lockdown period. Mrs Phillips will enclose further details with the report when it arrives.

Students in Years 11 and 13, your results have all now been submitted following a rigorous, fair and objective process. I will be in touch before the end of term in relation to results days and how they will operate but please note the dates: A-Level/L3 Vocational: 13<sup>th</sup> August; GCSE/L2 Vocational: 20<sup>th</sup> August.

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There is much speculation about September and what will happen. Personally, I hope we are able to welcome all year groups back to school but obviously we will be directed by the guidance and advice of local and national authorities. My advice at this stage would be to plan for a September return in terms of buying uniform and equipment. I will update you as and when I can depending on the latest advice relating to September.

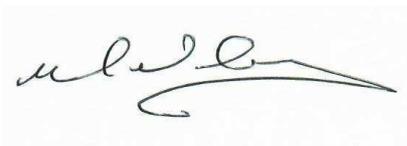
We have sent out quite a few resources recently linked to positive mental health including resources and support for adults living in Sefton from the Local Authority. There are also links to resources on our school website which may be of help at this time. Mr Cregeen also has a wealth of resources to support and help if anyone is feeling low or anxious. Please contact him at school if you need anything further to help.

As announced this week by the government, the Free School Meal voucher scheme will continue throughout the summer. If you are in receipt of these vouchers, they will continue until the 1<sup>st</sup> September. If you have any queries, please contact Mr Pritchard at school.

Finally, as always, thank you to all of our young people for their fantastic endeavours to help, support and brighten others' lives at this time. I will be publishing our last newsletter of the year towards the end of term. It's already packed full of amazing stories but please send us anything you would like to share to [newsletter@range.sefton.sch.uk](mailto:newsletter@range.sefton.sch.uk)

If you have any questions relating to the content of this letter or anything else, please do get in touch.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike McGarry', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike McGarry  
Headteacher