



# RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you remain well at this time as further lockdown measures are eased and life starts to get back to some form of normality. It has been fantastic to welcome our Y12 and Y10 students back to school in the last two week period. Under the guidelines we were/are allowed to have up to 25% of the cohort in school at any one time. I am delighted at the attendance rates in both year groups, Y12 remains almost at 100%. Quite clearly our young people are very keen to get back to school and get their education fully on track- well done to all of them and I look forward to seeing the rest of the cohort in the final two full weeks of term.

During this time we will continue to set remote work via Class Charts for all of our students. The focus of the work will continue to have a subject, academic focus until the 20<sup>th</sup> July. For the last two days of term, work will continue to be set but will be of a more 'light hearted' and fun approach to learning within the subject. This reflects what would happen if things were normal and everyone was in school. On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July the school holidays will begin, work will no longer be set remotely and the provision for our key worker groups in school will also stop.

Teachers and support staff will re-visit much of the remote work in September and we will have a period of transition for all, supporting our students to be able to re-engage and catch-up before attempting to cover new curriculum and subject material. On the subject of September, the latest guidance from the government has just been published and you will have no doubt heard much on local and national media outlets around this topic. Here at Range we have already started the planning which will hopefully allow all of our students to come back to school in a way that ensures everyone's safety. As with the phased re-opening for Y10 and Y12, I will continue to keep you updated with our plans, consultations and updated risk assessments on how we hope to implement a full opening in September for all year groups.

As stated in previous letters, please go ahead with your plans to buy school uniform (Mrs Ashworth will re-issue the uniform policy in the next few days) and school equipment as you would normally during the summer period. Education has not been easy for anyone in recent months, I commend our whole school community for their endeavours, staff and parents and most particularly our students. They should use some of the time in the summer break to remain engaged in the work that has been set. That is more important this year than ever before. Again, we will do all that we can to support anyone who feels they have fallen behind once school is operational once more in September.

For our students in Y11 and Y13, I do hope you continue to keep your spirits up and that you are looking forward to the next stage of your education, wherever that may be. Dr Ainsworth and/or your Form Tutors have been in touch with many of you in recent weeks, remember we are still here to support you whether it be about Sixth Form here at Range, going off to university or taking up an apprenticeship. Our Careers team will also be in touch with

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individuals again in coming weeks, to ensure that everyone has good plans in place for the next steps in their lives. Our results days will be different this year and Mrs Phillips/Dr Ainsworth will be in touch before the end of term with further details as well as updated guidance from the DFE/Ofqual on their proposals in relation to re-sitting exams. The latest guidance can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awarding-qualifications-in-summer-2020>

We are compiling our final newsletter of the year and again, it's packed full of wonderful examples of how our students continue to raise money for charity, to support vulnerable people in our society, to be creative and innovative. Some of their stories featured in the recent edition of the local St. Luke's magazine as well as the Southport Visiter for their endeavours. Well done to all of them and I hope you enjoy the newsletter when we distribute it at the end of term. Again, in September, I look forward to being able to recognise many of our young people's achievements here in school.

We also have a special treat in store for everyone, special message from Mr Povey below:

*"Lots of our students have been continuing to work hard on their singing and instrumental skills during lockdown. The Music Department have invited a number of students to take part in our first ever 'Virtual Summer Spectacular'.*

*We will be celebrating all of their hard work, commitment and talent by inviting them to share a performance of their choice as part of our final two week musical celebration, which will take place on the department social media platforms (YouTube, Twitter & Instagram).*

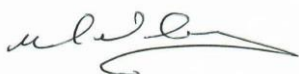
*We would love you to take the time to sit back, relax and enjoy watching our amazing students!"*

I hope you enjoy the show, Mr Povey will be in touch with links when all is ready!

We held our final Trustees' (Governors') meeting of the year last week. I am grateful to all members of the trust board who give regularly of their time to support the work of the school. Their support, challenge and input has been particularly evident during the period of the pandemic, where several extraordinary meetings have been convened at short notice. Thank you to all of you for giving your time and expertise.

I will be in touch again, via the newsletter at the end of term. As outlined above, various colleagues will be in touch with specific groups with information pertinent to them in the coming days and weeks. As always, if you have any queries, questions or concerns, please get in touch.

Warm wishes to all of you.



Mr McGarry  
Headteacher