



CHARTERS

— SCHOOL —

23 July 2021

Dear Parent /Carer

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2020-21 AND PLANS FOR START OF TERM

We have finally got to the end of the school year and, I think it is fair to say, it has provided challenges for all of us in the Charters Community. First, I want to thank all our parents who have supported the school and staff this year in dealing with the new and hopefully temporary educational landscape. As you would have seen from the newsletters, we have tried to keep aspects of school as normal as possible, and as soon as we could, we started to reintroduce our extra-curricular activities.

Although I was unable to attend the Summer Chamber Concert, it was a great success alongside the success of the Samba drumming and the Gamelan workshop. In addition, the Drama Department held successful auditions for the musical production of Legally Blonde to be held in conjunction with the Music Department, in the autumn term. I am very much looking forward to being able to watch it.

Geography field trips for the GCSE classes in Year 10 were able to go out giving students much-needed experiences in collecting primary data. In addition, the PE Department held mini sporting events for Key Stage 3 students. These were a great success despite the heavy rain.

We have also provided some much-needed coursework days to help students continue developing their practical skills at GCSE in subjects such as Art, Music, Food Technology, Textiles, Resistant Materials and Graphics.

Over the summer, it would be beneficial if your son/daughter could dip in and out of their learning to keep them up to speed, especially students who will be returning in Year 11 and Year 13. We appreciate that the holidays are needed, but a light touch keeping on top of essential vocabulary and concepts will be a real advantage when they return. It would also be beneficial if they could read and keep up to date with current affairs (maybe not via TikTok and Instagram, though).

September Return

When we return to school in September will be **asking students to test at home the night before** they come into school. Any student who tests positive at this stage should not come into school. Parents are asked to make contact with the school to inform us of the absence.

On the first day in school, we will provide a test for students at the start of the day. No student will be made to take a test if they do not wish to. Any student who tests positive at this point will be sent home.

Three to five days after the first test in school, we will provide another test. Once again, any student testing positive at this point will be sent home.

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The start dates for year groups are:

Year 7 and Year 12 on Friday 3 September. Year 7 need to report to the Astro pitch (staff/prefects will be around the front of school to direct them) and Year 12 to the Sixth Form Common Room.

All year groups in school on 6 September.

Those who do not have enough tests kits for the start of term can order [here](#). Alternatively, you can collect test kits from a local [collection point](#). - [SL5 area](#)

I hope you all manage to have a restful break over the summer holiday, and I look forward to seeing students in school and returning to normal in September.

Yours sincerely

John Fletcher
Headteacher