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## GETTING READY FOR SEPTEMBER

Dear parent/carer

We wanted to update you regarding our plans for our Year 11 students after May 28<sup>th</sup>. Usually our students would be doing examination until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June. Obviously this is not the case this year and they have been working on assessments in school to help us to decide their final Teacher Assessed Grades. Given the fact that our students have experience 2 terms over 2 years of home learning, we want to make sure that they are fully ready to take their next step in September, or earlier for some students who have already secured apprenticeships.

When students start in Year 12, they have around 4 weeks to make sure that their choices are the right ones for them. At the end of September of Year 12 any changing of subjects and choosing a new one is finalised. We believe that, with a little bit of time in our College this summer, the 4-week period of deciding if their courses are the right ones and doing the basic skills and knowledge needed will mean they 'hit the ground running' in September. They will already have experienced their courses and understand the demands of it.

With this in mind, we are inviting all of our Year 11 students to take part in our St Hilda's College Summer School. The outline of the programme is below. It actually means only a maximum of 15 hours in College over the course of a month, but we have prepared bridging units too for outside of these hours. Most Liverpool schools are offering a similar opportunity as we are too aware of the impact of the pandemic. Our students have such high aspirations and expectations for and of themselves, and quite rightly, that we want to support these.

I hope that you will support us in what is an opportunity to prepare our students for their next stages. Even if students are not continuing into Year 12 and may be part of the small minority not returning to study with us, it would be beneficial for them to also attend to understand how A Levels and BTECS work in Year 12. Those who have apprenticeships will probably be starting them shortly after half term.

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| Dates                            | Activity   |
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| W/C Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June  | Rest and Relax – Gather equipment for subject choices e.g. folders   |
| W/C Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June | Students in College for a double lesson of their chosen subjects. The College Team will be available to support students. Uniform is not required. There will be a maximum of 8 hours over the week. Those students wishing to take the EPQ in September will be invited to a first session. |
| W/C Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> June | Bridging work will be sent out. It is recommended that students do 1 hour over the week per subject. There will be an opportunity to meet with their teacher on TEAMS if they have further questions.  |
| W/C Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June | Students in College for a double lesson of their chosen subjects. The College Team will be available to support students. Uniform is not required.   |
| W/C Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July  | Students can access a meeting with their subject teacher via TEAMS for any further support.  |

We are aware that some of you will have holiday plans and many students have secured some part-time work. If you let us know if your son or daughter is unable to attend, we will look at alternatives. All of the bridging units will have more than the designated time, so anyone who wishes to do more preparation can do so.

On a final note, we will be having our Celebration Day with Year 11 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. They will leave us at midday. During this week there will be a mixture of activities and lessons. We want to make this a week to remember after the year they have had.

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