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Dear Parents and Carers

ST JOHN'S MARLBOROUGH – COVID 19

The end of an incredible year is upon us and I am keen to write and wish you all the very best for the summer that lies ahead. As of today, I see that the Prime Minister has expressed his hope that we can have even greater easing of the lockdown in the coming months, which will help enormously in getting us back to the way we were. However, our plans for the return of all students in September remain exactly as they were reported in last week's COVID-19 letter. It is hoped that all existing students will be able to access their timetables from 1st September and we will write to you again with further clarification on this nearer the time.

If anything changes that could affect our scheduled return, we will let you know so please do be mindful of accessing the relevant page on the St John's website. The usual Twitter feeds will also be updated sources of information and I know that many of you follow us regularly on them.

Farewell to colleagues

This week I outlined in the newsletter the staff who will be leaving us this summer, but in case you haven't caught up with the latest edition, here is a brief reminder. Mrs Hayley McLaren is leaving us to be the Head of English at the Willink School in Burghfield; Mr Anthony Hammond and Mrs Rebecca Quigley are taking up their 2 year secondments to lead faculties at the John O'Gaunt School in Hungerford; Mrs Fay Haywood is moving to Oxford; Mrs Ellen Oades is leaving us to take on the leadership of the Science faculty at the Swindon Academy and Mr Mike Crumb is heading to teach English in Caerphilly. We are also saying goodbye to Mr Mark Vosper who leaves us to begin his retirement after **31 years** of teaching Business and Economics at St John's. We want to congratulate Mark on everything that he has achieved for the students and thank him for his tireless work ethic, right the way to the end and particularly throughout COVID-19. He will be sorely missed, as will all our friends and colleagues heading off at the end of this term.

Results days in August

We are looking forward to celebrating exam results with all our students in August. We would ask, however, that parents and carers remain outside or in their cars and that students respect the social distancing and one-way system that will be in place. Currently, there is no expectation that students wear face masks, but hand sanitiser will be available.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support over the entire year but particularly over the last four months. St John's will build on the adaptations that we have had to make and we will take what we can from all the lessons we have learned.

We will endeavour to stay as engaged as possible with you and we will also keep the covid-19@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk email in place for some time to come. This email will be checked from time to time throughout the break. We also continue to keep up to date our dedicated area on the school website which can be found at: <https://www.stjohns.excalibur.org.uk/latest-covid-19-information/>.

As ever, I hope that you and your family continue to keep safe and have a wonderful summer.

With kindest regards,

Ian Tucker
Principal

