



# MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL

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Friday 17 July

Dear Parents and Carers,

### End of year and looking forward to the new year

As we come towards the end of this school year, we inevitably reflect on the challenges we have faced and the sacrifices we have all made to keep each other safe during lockdown and the period of school closure. I write to thank you for your continued support of the school, our home learning programme and your children, as well as to give details of the start of next year.

We are immensely proud of how our whole school community has coped with the unprecedented situation we have found ourselves in and what we have all managed to achieve, despite the constraints placed upon us. The school has remained open for the children of critical key workers. Our students have completed over fifteen thousand lessons remotely through Firefly and have earned over eleven thousand virtual rewards points. We are incredibly proud of all their hard work and achievements over the last few months. Teaching and support staff have responded to countless emails and made many phone calls to support and safeguard the wellbeing of our students and maintain contact with our families. As well as this, we have met through Zoom, supported learning through MS Teams and welcomed many of our students across all year groups back into school for face-to-face contact, to ensure that we are best placed to move forward positively from the first day back in September. It has been lovely to see them.

School will close for the children of key workers on Wednesday, 22 July at 12.30pm and will reopen to students from Wednesday, 2 September. Summer school for our new year seven students runs for a week from Monday, 17 August; further details of the programme for this will be shared with parents and carers in due course. Examination results days are scheduled for year thirteen on Thursday, 13 August and for year eleven on Thursday, 20 August. We will be emailing results to students from 8:00am but they will also have the option to come in on those days to pick up their results and seek next steps advice from members of our senior team, should they wish to. We will send out further details regarding the organization of these days in due course.

Before your child returns to school, it is essential that you go through the parent and student guidance booklets provided with this letter, as well as the other supporting documents including our full risk assessment and safe travel guide. All resources can be found on our school website.

As you can see from the guidance, our students will be following their full timetable from the start of term and teachers are looking forward to working with them to consolidate what they have learned at home and accelerate their progress. During the summer break, each student will be set two weeks' worth of work, to help them reconnect with the curriculum in preparation for September. High expectations of behaviour and attitude to learning will remain a priority, as we help our students to reestablish routines and settle back into school life.

There are no changes to uniform for the new academic year; a reminder of our uniform expectations and school standards is included with the other documentation on our website.

The start of the new academic year is as follows:

**Tuesday, 1 September: Staff training day**

**Wednesday, 2 September: Return of Year 7 and 12 students only**

**Thursday, 3 September: return of all other students**

If there are any changes to Covid-19 guidance over the summer, we will update you via email, our website, and Twitter. If you do not already follow our Twitter account, you can find us on @MaghullHighsch.

Finally, can I take this opportunity once again to thank you for your messages of thanks and encouragement and continued support. We wish you all a very restful and socially distanced summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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