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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well and starting to feel the benefits of the national easing of restrictions we have seen in recent weeks.

I am sure you are aware, on Thursday 2nd July, the government published the guidance to accompany the confirmation of its intention for all students to return to school in September. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

You will know the change in national circumstances since the initial lockdown, due to coronavirus (COVID-19), allowed for a partial reopening from Monday 15th June to our Year 10 students. We all share the view the government has expressed, that returning to school for all children is vital for their education and wellbeing. So, we warmly welcome the government's decision to allow us to fully open again in September. However, there will need to be a number of adjustments we have to make and plan for, in order to welcome your children back in September. Mr Jervis, Miss Pugh and Miss Weston will write to you before the end of term to give you and your child an idea of how daily routines may look and what to expect in the classroom.

The risk assessment we conducted and shared with Central Shropshire Academy Trust (CSAT) and Shropshire Council, prior to our partial reopening to Year 10s, will be updated and published on the school's website. This risk assessment will help you see the role you and your child have in supporting the protective measures we are advised to implement. There will be a concise guide to the changes in daily routines published to accompany the risk assessment, much like the one we issued to Year 10 students, before the partial reopening.

To ensure our staff understand the changes we will have to make and to help them prepare for the additional support they will need to give to your child, CSAT have suggested its schools could schedule an additional professional development day at the start of term. We have decided to adopt this proposal, which means there will be an additional day for staff training, at the start of September.

We have also considered the needs of each year group very carefully. As parents/carers of children who are already part of the Mary Webb School and Science College community, you will understand the importance of the induction days we hold. Our new Year 7s missed this opportunity. Furthermore, the new Year 7 will be the largest year group the school has seen in well over a decade. In order to help them adapt to their new school, we will welcome them into school a day earlier than Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10. Year 11 students will join the Year 7s in starting a day earlier than the rest of the school to help them acclimatise to the new routines and to support the youngest members of our school. We look to our Year 11s for

student leadership, particularly our prefects, so we feel it is important to give them this extra day in school. This means students will return to school on the following dates:

Year 7 and Year 11 - Thursday 3rd September

Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 - Friday 4th September (as well as Years 7 and 11)

There will be a lot to prepare for September, so I will be in school quite a lot over the summer break. I will be able to respond to queries you have relating to our reopening in September and will be happy to meet with any parents/carers, should the need arise.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again, on behalf of the whole school community, for the support you have shown us and your child during these last few months of home learning. I hope you have found it rewarding, even though at times it may have been challenging. I can assure you we are all looking forward to seeing your children in September, as we continue to work with them, opening minds and widening horizons.

Yours sincerely,

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