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16<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter still finds you safe and well. I wanted to write to you all to keep you updated with developments here at St Anne's. We have continued to welcome the most vulnerable students and those children of key workers as we have done throughout the pandemic. On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June we began to welcome back cohorts of Year 10 students. It was great to see our students who we have missed dearly and this is the important first step in getting all students back to school.

### September 2020

As you may have seen in the media there is, as yet, no clarity from central government on what the return to school will look like nationally in September. As and when we receive more information on this we will ensure that we keep you updated.

### Consultation regarding proposed Uniform Change for September 2020

From September we are looking to make an amendment to the current uniform policy. We wish to consult with parents and carers on the removal of trainers from the list of acceptable footwear. This means that, from September 2020, it would be compulsory for all students to wear a plain black shoe as part of the uniform instead of trainers. We are looking to do this as we believe it will allow students to look smarter and feel more positive about themselves.

The consultation begins on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 and will end at 12 noon on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Governors will then make the final decision on whether to proceed with the change or not.

Please send your views and comments to [consultation@stannesacademy.org.uk](mailto:consultation@stannesacademy.org.uk) as to whether you agree with the proposal or not. All views will be listened to.

### IT Infrastructure Update

After conducting student surveys it was clear that a source of frustration for some students was the slow computer system that we have at the moment. Through listening to this feedback, we are now investing in the ICT infrastructure to ensure that our students have the best quality ICT equipment and software to aid their learning. The investment is over a number of years but a large proportion of the work is due to commence this summer.

## Successful Grant Application

I'd also like to share some fantastic news with you all. Earlier in the term we put together a bid to upgrade the provision for students with additional needs and disabilities [SEND] at St Anne's. I can now inform you all that we have been successful in our bid for £160,000 to upgrade the SEND base within school. This is excellent news and will allow us to further meet the needs of our most vulnerable students as we continue to invest in improvements.

## Staffing Update

Finally, it the time of year where we see some staff leave and we make appointments of new staff. I'd like to make you aware of the following staff who are leaving to take on new challenges:

- Mr Mahmood [Deputy Headteacher and Maths]
- Ms Dempster [Head of Year 9 and ICT]
- Ms Parkinson [English]
- Mr Parker [Geography]

I would also like to inform you of a couple of appointments that we have made. From September we welcome Mrs Summerscales who is our new Deputy Headteacher and will lead on developing the curriculum and teaching and learning. Mrs Summerscales has worked in a couple of schools in senior positions and comes with a track record of improving provision for students. We also welcome Miss Green who is our new Assistant Headteacher.

As ever, please check our website regularly for updates. Students in all year groups should continue to complete work which they can find on the website. If you have any queries or concerns, or need support from school for a particular reason, please contact us on 0161 643 2643.

Yours sincerely,



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