

Dear Parents and Carers

7 May 2021

I hope this letter finds all our St Anne's community well. I would like to start by saying a very heartfelt thank you for the support from our families and staff throughout this half term and the terms that went before. As ever, my half termly newsletter is here to ensure you are all kept up to date with developments and the latest information regarding St Anne's.

### **Cranmer Education Trust Celebration Event**

On 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021, St Anne's officially celebrated becoming part of the Cranmer Education Trust. Mark Davies, Bishop of Middleton, joined us and spoke to students as well as leading an assembly which was streamed live to the whole school.

### **Additional Inset Day**

As you will be aware this year schools are having to set, moderate, mark and submit formal GCSE grades. This is a huge undertaking as well as keeping the daily quality of provision high for students in all other year groups. Due to this, we have decided to have an additional inset day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021. This will allow crucial time for marking and moderation of these grades.

This means that students will not attend school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021 however, a full remote learning plan will be put into place for the day to allow our children to access resources to work from at home. Students will access their Personal Development curriculum on this day through Microsoft Teams and the schools Share Point Site. Online sessions will be available for student to access from 9am on their year group's class team. Students will be notified of the plan in tutor time sessions over the coming weeks. We will still invite our most vulnerable students into school on this date as we did throughout the lockdown period. I hope you can understand that we have not taken this decision lightly, but this work is key to the future life chances of our Year 11 students.

### **Year 11 Leaving Date and Celebration Event**

As stated in the letter issued by the Cranmer Education Trust dated 28 April 2021, the statutory leaving date for students in Year 11 is Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Normally this follows the completion of public examinations. However, this year the vast majority of students will have finished their assessments by the end of May so that their teachers can complete all of the rigorous processes to ensure fair and consistent assessment. This means that Year 11 students may not necessarily need to attend on a daily basis after the May half term break but must be available to attend school if required until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Our Year 11 students have had a disjointed year due to Covid and have been working incredibly hard to complete their studies. For this reason, we are arranging a well deserved formal celebration evening for our Year 11 leavers on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 which has been

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booked provisionally at the Village Hotel in Bury. This event will be an enjoyable and fitting way for students to complete their time at the Academy with an evening full of celebration and free of social distancing, if government Covid restrictions are lifted. The maximum cost of the evening will be £27 per student for a full meal and entertainment, but each student will receive information in the next few days about how much of this cost will be offset by their rewards for attendance, punctuality and their attitude to learning.

Transport will be provided for those students requiring it and I look forward to us being able to celebrate their achievements together. Details for parents will follow.

### **Uniform Update**

May I take this opportunity to remind you all that light blue polo shirts which were previously worn by students during the summer term are no longer part of our uniform, however, short-sleeved white shirts are acceptable instead. Also, I'd like to remind all parents and carers that we are moving to black leather shoes as part of the uniform from September, as consulted upon last year. Blazers with the new logo, a navy-blue PE polo shirt and matching hoody are also being phased in, with new Year 7 students expected to have them in September. Students in older year groups can upgrade as they buy new uniform.

### **Start of the School Day**

I'd like to remind you all that all students have reverted back to starting the school day at 08:30. This is a move towards normality where all students start school at the same time each day and will allow all year groups to benefit from a full 30 minutes of Form time/Assembly time each morning before their first lesson commences at 09:00. Doors will open at 08:25 each morning. This change can be managed safely as students will continue to enter via their allocated year group entrance and year group bubbles will continue to operate.

I hope you and your families stay safe and enjoy the summer term.

Yours sincerely,



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