



26<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

**Re: Arrangements for the rest of the Summer Term**

As we move towards half term break, we wanted to thank you for your ongoing support as our students have reintegrated so successfully back into full time on site learning, and also to share with you some important information about the rest of the summer term.

Our staff and students have worked extremely hard during all periods of the national lockdown, and we are very proud that our provision enabled students to undertake their full timetabled learning via live lessons. This has significantly supported our efforts in maintaining our curriculum.

As we reflect on the national picture, we have taken the time to consider other adjustments that should be made to best support our students. **With this in mind, we have decided to move into the rest of the summer term with students remaining in their existing year groups. For our Year 8 students who have just made their option choices, this means they will complete their summer term in their current college.**

For all students, this will provide the opportunity to spend the extra half term completing their current studies for the year group they are in, before moving up to the next year group in September. They will continue to follow their current timetable after half term. All students will receive their new timetable for September, for their new year group, before they return to college on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Those students who have made option choices that will take them to either De Salis Studio College or Parkside Studio College, will have their places confirmed, and will start in the next academic year. For all students in Year 8, we will be offering additional taster activities at both Studio Colleges for those students interested in their specialist subject areas, therefore it is not too late for any students still interested to pursue those options. Transition activities will then take place to ensure those students are fully supported.

As well as taking this additional time to consolidate learning, we have Alliance Challenge and Sports Days to look forward to. For those students currently in Year 11, we have a wonderful Post 16 Bridging Programme taking place.

We are very much looking forward to the rest of the summer term. Please do not hesitate to make contact if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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**Chief Officer - Operations**

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**Chief Officer - Standards**