



16<sup>th</sup> July 2020/ 24<sup>th</sup> Dhul Qadah 1441

Dear Parent / Carer

**Assalamu Alaikum – ‘Peace be upon you’**

I am writing to thank you all for your continued support over the last year, which has been a particularly challenging time for us all through the Covid 19 Lockdown. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their commitment and ability to adapt swiftly to remote learning and to students who have participated actively in lessons and activities so that the school community has stayed connected. A huge thank you also to the pastoral team who have continued contact with students and parents too, our staff volunteers who have delivered food parcels to members of our community.

**Please take the time to read the important information below**

### **School Opening for the new Academic Year**

The Government has announced that all students will return to school full-time from September onwards. **We will write to you with further details on how your daughter will return to school.**

### **GCSE Results**

Your daughter's grades for the subjects she completed in Year 10 will be published on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August**. Letters have been sent to individual students with their allocated times to come and collect their results.

Due to the current circumstances, and the need for social distancing, please ensure your daughter:

- Attends punctually at her allocated time.
- Returns home immediately after collecting her results.
- Does not come to collect her results if she is isolating or has a persistent cough, temperature or a loss/change in smell or taste. If this is the case, please let us know.

### **Term Dates 2020-2021, Attendance & Holidays During Term Time**

Please find enclosed a copy of the term dates for the new academic year.

It is really important that students attend school fully. Each year, students with the worst attendance make less progress and achieve lower grades in their studies. This is why we will insist that students attend school fully and ask the Education Welfare Officer from the Local Authority to visit homes for students with poor attendance.

As you know, **the school is not allowed to authorise any trips abroad during term time unless there are exceptional (emergency) circumstances for the student concerned.** Thank you for your support with this.

### **Summer Holidays Work**

As I wrote to you this week, your daughter's teachers have set her homework to complete over the summer. Please can you ensure she spends time each day to complete the work set as this will ensure that she is ready for the new academic year.

### **Travel to and from school**

Parents are asked to discourage students from using public transport to and from school. If they choose to do so, face masks must be worn of safely on arrival to the school. In line with government guidance students are **encouraged to walk, cycle or to be dropped off at school.** Parents are to use the Lincoln Street Car Park.



## **Uniform**

The school now has a new uniform supplier called Stevensons. Whittakers Schoolwear and The School Uniform Company will continue to provide uniforms whilst stocks last.

<b>School Uniform</b>	<b>New PE Kit</b>	<b>Existing PE Kit (Year 8 – 11 only)</b>
Stevensons   01727 815700   <a href="http://www.stevensons.co.uk">www.stevensons.co.uk</a> OR Cat Ballou Originals, 1-3 The Burges, Coventry, CV1 1HN   02476 555499   <a href="http://www.catballou.co.uk">www.catballou.co.uk</a>	Stevensons   01727 815700   <a href="http://www.stevensons.co.uk">www.stevensons.co.uk</a>	Cat Ballou Originals, 1-3 The Burges, Coventry, CV1 1HN   02476 555499   <a href="http://www.catballou.co.uk">www.catballou.co.uk</a>

The school has also launched a new PE kit. All new Year 7 students must purchase the new PE kit, though existing students in Year 8 – 11 are able to continue to purchase part of the old PE kit whilst stocks last.

Students must wear the full and correct uniform at all times. This includes the following:

- Shoes must be plain, black, traditional in style and have a flat sole. They should be a plain design with no logos, decorative buckles, coloured laces or stitching, labels, tags, studs or other decorations. Boots, trainers, plimsolls, canvas or suede shoes are not permitted.
- If they are not wearing tights, students must also wear black socks which cover their ankles.
- Make-up (including nail varnish and eye liner) and jewellery is not permitted (unless otherwise agreed on grounds of faith).
- 'Hoodies' and denim jackets are not permitted in school. Instead, a plain coat should be worn.

## **Safety on the Internet**

Each year, a small number of our students use the internet at home in an unsafe or harmful way.

As a result, it is possible for students to:

- Access pornography or graphic violence.
- Engage in harmful conversations with adults pretending to be a teenager.
- Send and receive inappropriate images and videos.
- Be very tired in school after being on the internet for long periods during the night.

Often, this is because parents:

- Have bought their daughter a mobile phone, iPad or laptop before they were responsible enough to understand the risks.
- Have not taken steps to ensure that the internet is safe and adequate filters are in place.
- Have allowed their daughter to use her device unsupervised, often throughout the night.
- Have not understood that an iPad or a laptop can be used in the same way at home as a mobile phone (to make calls, access websites and exchange images and videos).
- Have allowed their daughter to use social networking sites (such as Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp and Snapchat) even though they are below the minimum age for these platforms.

### **This is neglectful and puts our daughters and others at risk of great and lasting harm.**

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that they are aware of how their daughter uses the internet (and social networking) at home – and that she uses it in a safe manner.

Please:

- Discuss the importance of safer internet use with your daughter.
- Take steps to make your daughter safer on the internet, by:
  - In particular, setting filters to block harmful content.
  - Making sure that your daughter does not have any devices in her bedroom overnight.
  - Only allowing your daughter to use the internet whilst under supervision.
  - Going through the rules about when and how your daughter may use the internet.
  - Thinking carefully whether your daughter is mature enough to have a device of her own.
  - Checking if your daughter is using social networking sites for which she is not yet old enough.
  - Contacting the school if you need advice and support in making the internet at home safer.

### **Free School Meals**

Students may be entitled to 'free school meals' if their parents or carers receive low-income benefits. If you feel that your daughter may be eligible, please contact the school or use the following link to apply. [http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free\\_school\\_meals/2](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free_school_meals/2)

### **Good Behaviour, Mobile Phones & Other Prohibited Items**

The school expects all students to behave well at all times, treat others with respect and ensure that they do not disrupt the learning of other students.

Students **are not** permitted to bring a **mobile phone to school**. This is because the mobile phone could get lost, it can cause disruption to lessons and distraction from learning or be misused in and around school.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all of our students and members of staff, any student found to have brought an item into school which could cause harm to others will face a permanent exclusion.

Please also note that high-energy drinks must not be brought into school.

### **And Finally...**

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all your support throughout the academic year, particularly during the very difficult past few months.

Since the school closed in late March, we have been able to:

- Keep the school open for vulnerable learners and children of keyworkers.
- Deliver remote lessons to our Year 9 and 10 pupils.
- Provide learning packs and online work to our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils.
- Loan laptops to families so that students do not miss out on learning.
- Make regular contact with parents to check on the learning and wellbeing of each of our students.
- Open the school for some Year 10 students.
- Raised money for charity through our fundraising in Ramadhaan and appeal on food poverty.
- Prepare and deliver meals to vulnerable families across our community.
- Support the elderly in local residential homes with letters written by our students.

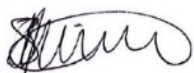
It has been a privilege and honour to serve the community and I will forever cherish my memories from Eden Girls Coventry, as I move onto pastures new. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the new Principal Anand Patel the very best for the future, and I am sure he will, along with all of you, continue to take this amazing school from strength to strength over the coming years.

Although we try our best, there will have been times during the year when we made mistakes or caused upset or worry to you or your daughter. I apologise for any shortcomings and ask for your patience and understanding as we work hard to improve in the future.

If you have any concerns or queries, or need support in any way, please email or call the school.

**I wish you a safe and lovely break during the summer. I would also ask for your prayers for the school and that the Almighty protects each of our daughters and everyone who works tirelessly on their behalf. Aameen.**

Yours sincerely



Miss Sumeya Bhikhu  
Acting Principal

Enclosed: School Terms & Holidays

## School Term and Holidays 2020 - 2021

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2020</b>	
INSET Day 1	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2020
Pupils Return	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020
Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30 October 2020
Pupils Return	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2021
Total openings	74

<b>SPRING TERM 2021</b>	
Pupils Return	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Half Term	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 19 February 2021
Pupils Return	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
Easter Holiday	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Eid	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
Total openings	59

<b>SUMMER TERM 2021</b>	
Pupils Return	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
May Day	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Eid	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Half Term	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4 June 2021
Pupils Return	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Summer Holiday	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
Total openings	57

Please note all days are inclusive.

\* Eid holidays may be revised slightly according to the sighting of the moon