

DAME ALLAN'S SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)/ Carer(s)

The wider opening of the Schools this term

Following the very successful partial reopening of the junior school this half term, I am delighted to confirm that we are now able to open the Schools more widely for the final days of this term in line with current government guidelines. These are, of course, subject to change but it is worth noting the current situation as that has informed our decision making, not least as the Schools' insurers require us to follow the government's guidance if our policies are to remain valid. The key points of the guidance are as follows:

- Schools should continue to provide for the children of Key Workers as they have been throughout the period of partial closure
- Schools should ensure that social distancing is in place and that a 2 metre distance between pupils and staff should be observed as far as is practically possible taking account of pupils' ages and social development
- Junior schools have been encouraged to make provision for children in those those year groups which have not already spent time in school this term
- In senior schools, only pupils in Years 10 and 12 may return to school this term and the total number of pupils in school at any one time should not exceed 25% of the combined Year 10 and 12 cohort.

Given those stipulations - and the fact that pupils in the senior Schools are completing internal examinations until Friday 19 June - we have arranged a programme of activities for pupils in Years 2 - 5, Year 10 and Year 12 for the week beginning 22 June until the end of term, details of which follow. **As ever, pupils should certainly not come into school if they, or any members of their household, are showing symptoms of the virus. Please could I remind all parents that the Schools should immediately be notified if any member of a household is showing symptoms of the virus via absence@dameallans.co.uk**

I am acutely conscious that we are unable to offer these opportunities to pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9; unfortunately our hands are tied by the government's regulations. We are exploring the possibility of some face to face meetings with individual pupils and, of course, our distance learning programme will continue as it has to date.

Given the weight of detailed instructions in this communication, I shall limit any wider comment here to thanking all of you for your continued support and understanding through the course of the current crisis. I shall write again in wider terms before the end of term.

A combination of the wide range of subjects taught, the need to maintain social distancing and the quality of the ongoing distance learning programme means that we do not feel it necessary to bring

Year 10 students into school for academic lessons. We do, however, recognise their need for some degree of social interaction with their peers and also for an opportunity to review their progress with their form teachers.

With both of those in mind, we have designed a programme which will allow boys and girls to return to school for a mixture of an academic and pastoral review and a variety of team building exercises whilst staying in line with government guidelines. In order to meet the rule regarding the total number of Year 10 and 12 pupils allowed in school at any one time, forms have to be divided and will attend school at the times shown below:

Form	Surnames beginning	Day	Time
10W	A - G inclusive	Thursday 25 June	0930-1130
10X	A - H inclusive	Thursday 25 June	0930-1130
10Y	A - H inclusive	Thursday 25 June	0930-1130
10Z	A - J inclusive	Thursday 25 June	0930-1130
10J	K - Z inclusive	Thursday 25 June	1300-1500
10M	Mo - Z inclusive	Thursday 25 June	1300-1500
10S	L - Z inclusive	Thursday 25 June	1300-1500
10J	A - H inclusive	Friday 26 June	0930-1130
10M	A - Me inclusive	Friday 26 June	0930-1130
10S	A - K inclusive	Friday 26 June	0930-1130
10W	M - Z inclusive	Friday 26 June	1300-1500
10X	I - Z inclusive	Friday 26 June	1300-1500
10Y	J - Z inclusive	Friday 26 June	1300-1500
10Z	M - Z inclusive	Friday 26 June	1300-1500

Pupils should report to the Newsom Hall by 08:50 for morning sessions and 12:50 for afternoon sessions. They are not required to wear school uniform and should bring with them waterproof clothing and a bag in which to store it as we plan for outdoor activities.

There will be no time for a break during what will be busy sessions as the requirement to observe social distancing makes it impossible to factor any 'free time' into the programme. The difficulties

around social distancing also mean that lunch cannot be provided; students may bring a water bottle and a nut free snack, provided they do not share these with anyone else.

A full set of guidance is attached to this letter.

Please could I ask you to complete this Google Form to indicate whether you wish to take advantage of this partial re-opening.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Hind." The signature is written in a cursive style.

J R Hind
Principal