

St. Peter's Centre A Medical Short Stay School

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An update from Mrs Mead: March 5th 2021

I shared with students this week how proud I was of them for their daily attendance and engagement with our remote learning programme. As the last day of remote learning happened, I felt relief, pride, hope and excitement all at the same time. It will seem strange not to be logging onto live tutor time at 9am and 1pm but of course I am now able to go back to face to face tutor time, something I have really missed! I am so excited to see students back. I am hoping they received their "Can't wait to see you back" postcards.

Thankyou to those parents who joined me for the live Q and A on preparing for return. I plan to run more events for parents in the future on the topics of safeguarding, parenting special needs children and parenting teenagers. They are a way of sharing strategies and making sure parents to not feel alone and isolated from the themes we will all face.

I say it every week but a final thankyou to all parents for their support of us as a school, our remote learning programme as well as keeping young people online and learning. This has proved to me an excellent partnership!

I will now take a rest from the newsletter as we focus on getting students back into school but any feedback on whether this would be useful or not moving forward would be well received.

Finally, please make sure uniform is ready to go on Monday. I attach a copy of the uniform list as a reminder.

Year 11 Update

It has been confirmed that all year 11's will be assessed by teachers on a range of evidence including classwork, exam papers and questions and other work done since they have been with us. I have explained this to students and they continue to work hard on developing their evidence base. It is crucial now that students attend everyday. One missed day might mean a missed opportunity to provide work which could improve on a grade. Please use tough love tactics at all times to get them in. The following weeks will be crucial to ensure students are awarded the grades they deserve. I will keep you updated on the process as it happens. Please do contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Keeping Well:

I absolutely love this resource. It is great for adults and young people to remind us all that we can play a part in creating happiness for ourselves. Take a look [here](#)



5 top tips to support School return

1. Count down the days to return and make a verbal daily reference to return to school
2. Get students to prepare uniform and bag
3. Ignore any negative school comments or “I am not going”. Do not engage.
4. Reassure students about safety. Testing and mask wearing etc.
5. Smile and be positive about school.