

Letter from Matthew Bartlett, Head Master

Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach October Week, it seems appropriate to write to thank you for all your support in these challenging times. Your support of the College but above all of all our young people is hugely appreciated by myself, the rest of the leadership team and all of my colleagues.

I would also like to praise the efforts of our pupils who faced with very different circumstances have remained cheerful, engaged and very well behaved. They give me great hope for the future. These are challenging times for everyone and young people could feel they are missing so many of the good things but they in fact have been cheerful and engaged. Personally, a highlight has been teaching pupils who are relentlessly cheerful and determined to just enjoy the normality of being back in school and with their friends. Our pupils deserve our thanks and praise.

Music lessons have recommenced virtually and, in some cases, face to face and sport is on offer for all years at Millerston and Glasgow Green on Saturdays. We enjoyed an online prize giving celebration and I would suggest that you look at our social media for a very special message from our Head Boy and Girl, Humzah and Scarlett. I was so moved to hear them speak and I am sure that you will be too. Today our S3 were able to raise money through a football tournament at lunchtime and we expect other fundraising to continue using Just Giving and we are so appreciative of your generosity. There are many things we are missing though and as soon as it is safe to do so, they will return. We do not have any guidance as yet on dates for Schola, indoor PE and competitive sport returning, but it may be some way off. Rest assured that everything will be done to keep our community safe and well. I will be writing after Half Term with good news about our Kairos Retreats and of course most of S4 have already enjoyed their retreats out at Millerston with the last of these to take place after October week.

These continue to be very challenging times and earlier this week I was fearing that the First Minister might impose closure on schools for a circuit breaker lockdown. Thankfully it seems we have avoided that and we continue to be vigilant in all we do in running the school to ensure every one of our young people can continue to receive their full education.

Can I remind everyone that travel restrictions remain in place to almost all overseas destinations and that quarantine guidelines must be followed meticulously to keep our community safe should you be travelling in October week. If like me you are confined to our lovely country, then please enjoy a rest and a break with the family if possible.

Be assured of our continued efforts and commitment to supporting all our community and keeping everyone as safe as possible.

Kindest regards and prayers



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