

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 10 and 12 Lessons

Just a quick email at the end of the week to give you a couple of reminders and key information, as well as to let you know that we have had a really successful week with our Year 10s and 12s coming back into school for some lessons since Monday - albeit only a quarter at a time and with 2 metres social distancing in operation throughout the site - as per the government's required safety guidelines.

It's been really fantastic to see more students coming back through the doors to learn in classrooms again, rather than purely online, as well as hearing about how much they've enjoyed their day.

Years 7-9

Unfortunately, at the moment however, it remains the case that we are not able to bring any other year groups into school for lessons before the summer holidays, as the government have specified that our face to face sessions must target Years 10 and 12, given that they are the year groups who will have terminal exams at the end of next year. We are of course really keen to get all of our students back into school, so that everyone can once again begin to get back to normal, and we will work to ensure this happens just as soon as it becomes possible.

Plans for September

Having actually just listened to the government's daily briefing, which was led by Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, I have been heartened to hear that the government's "intention (is) for a full return in September" where they are planning to "bring all children, in all year groups, back to school in September". Details of how this will work will be issued to schools in the coming weeks, so I will be in touch as soon as I know any more on that, and thank you all once again in the meantime, for your support and understanding as we continue with remote learning over the next few weeks.

Live Lessons and Showbie Launch

I do hope that your son or daughter is now experiencing regular live lessons in all of their subjects, and that these are supporting their engagement and enjoyment of learning at home; the launch of Showbie for parents in all year groups this week will also now allow you to see the work that is being set in every subject, as well as feedback being given, and will hopefully give you the opportunity to better support your child with their work, as well as be able to monitor the completion and quality of this should you wish.

Year 7 Subject Feedback

For Year 7 parents, we are in the process of arranging specific feedback about your son or daughter's first year at IGS in every subject, and this will be issued to you individually by their class teacher by Monday 6th July. This may take the form of voice notes in Showbie or emails for example and we will be in touch with full details about what to expect in due course.

Trips & Visits Refunds

One final thing I'd like to remind you of this week, is that whilst we are doing our very best to process refunds for cancelled trips and visits, unfortunately we are just not able to provide timeframes for when these will be completed as we are still working through multiple insurance claims and having to liaise with many third parties. Please rest assured that we are working to process your refund as soon as possible and thank you for your ongoing patience with this.

I hope you have a pleasant weekend.

Best wishes,

Helen Williams
Headteacher / CEO