



**SIR JOHN DEANE'S
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
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Thursday 7 January 2021

Dear Parents and Year 12 Students

I fully recognise and understand that this is a time of great uncertainty for us all. We each have a role to play in ensuring that we navigate our collective way through with kindness, compassion and with purpose.

Mr Boden, Deputy Principal, Ms Foy, Assistant Principal, and I have recorded an assembly for you and I would encourage you to watch it in its entirety because we seek to give you as much information and clarity as we can and we outline in detail the plan for remote learning. Also see attached sheet.

Crucially I ask that you:

- Look ahead and be positive about returning to College and preparing for the privilege of sitting your A Level and BTEC exams in the summer of 2022.
- Stay focused and engaged, attend all lessons, value your time with your teachers.
- Do your best, and when you find you can't let your parents know so that they can support you and help you find solutions. Let your progress mentor know so that they can do their best to encourage and support you.

Year 12 students will feel a range of emotions and the lack of certainty may result in low confidence and present challenges to mental health. Parents must act as a positive filter, your reassurance, love and measured response to events and news have never been more important.

Rest assured that the College is working incredibly hard to prepare for your return as soon as the Government allows schools to reopen and we look forward to this time with great optimism. This is your time to push on and continue to shape your goals.

With my warmest wishes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirkwood".

Miss K Kirkwood
Principal