



Wales HIGH SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER: MR. G. DI'IASIO

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Dear Parent / Carer

I can't believe we are here at the penultimate week of the summer term! Although all of our daily routines and the way in which we have worked have been totally different, I am certain we are all looking forward to the summer holidays for a chance to have a well-earned break. We have certainly earned it!

With regards to September we know there will be many questions and possible apprehension. Now that the Government guidance has been released, we are able to start making firm plans and arrangements for how we will fully re-open the school. As we have done previously, this will form a plan for a full re-opening and this will be shared with you prior to the end of term so that we are all able to plan for September. We hope that this will provide answers and security with how we plan to support both staff and students to ensure a safe and careful return to school for all; which I know is so important to us all.

Today marks the second and final week for KS3 students who have had an opportunity to come on to site. These have been overwhelmingly positive and our students have been fantastic, meeting their tutor group for the first time in many months and being able to take those first, difficult steps back into school. I am sure that the next week will go equally as well. Please contact rh@waleshigh.com if you want support with any aspect of the KS3 meetings.

It has been particularly pleasing to see two of our end of year traditions re-imagined this last week and released in a virtual format. The Sports Ball and Y11 Leavers video were put together by a number of staff and for those who missed these, they can still be viewed. The links have been added to the family bulletin which can be viewed [here](#). It has been incredibly humbling to read your feedback which has been really positive about these events and I know our staff are delighted to see how much our students are grateful and benefitting from the work that has gone in to making these. I am sure that some schools may have found it easier just to let it pass without marking the occasion - but that is not 'the Wales Way'. Our Sports Day and legendary Full School Assembly will be next! These are always such big event at Wales and so please continue to keep up to date with plans. The bulletin includes more detail of this too.

Although I know the end to the summer term, isn't what we anticipated, I am very proud of how as a community we have come together and the resilience we have all shown in making this remote way of learning come together and work in the best way possible for us all. Never before have I been as proud of the 'Wales Way'!

Let's finish with September in mind and look toward a brighter and more 'normal' way of being together. It is certainly something that is keeping me going.

Take care and I look forward to sharing more updates as we continue to plan and adapt.

Pepe Di'Iasio
Headteacher