

1 Sept 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you ahead of the new school term.

### **Start of new term**

The new school year begins on Monday 5 September at 8.40am for new Year 9 students. They should proceed to the astro-turf pitch from where they will be collected by their tutors. There will be lots of staff on hand to direct students.

Year 10 and Year 11 students begin the new school year on Tuesday 6 September arriving for 8.40am and going directly to tutor form rooms. These arrangements for Monday 5 September permit Year 9 students a little time in school to settle in before the whole school returns. Pre-term work will be set for students in Year 10 and Year 11 in English, maths and science on Google Classroom (students have already received their science work in hard copy form in July but it will be available via Google Classroom as well). Should you require a student in Year 10 or Year 11 to be in school on Monday 5 September we will accommodate them with supervised study in the library. Please inform the school office in advance so these arrangements can be made.

Year 13 students begin on Monday 5 September arriving for 10am in the Sixth Form hub. Students arriving earlier by bus will be accommodated in the Sixth Form Centre.

Year 12 students begin term on Thursday 8 September at 8.40am meeting in the Sixth Form hub.

From September we will not be having our early finish on alternate Thursdays. Challenges with early buses has made this arrangement difficult to sustain and it was always a temporary measure as the school recovered following the disruption of the pandemic. So we will have the same finish times each day with Years 9 and 10 finishing at 3pm and Years 11, 12 and 13 at 3.05pm.

### **Exam results**

Students sat their GCSE, A Level and BTEC/Cambridge National exams this summer, the first exam for 2 years due to Covid. Students performed well achieving excellent outcomes. Students from all starting points made strong progress and are able to move onto their next step. From Year 11 many students are joining the Vandyke Sixth Form. Others are starting college or an apprenticeship. Many of our Year 13 students are going to university while others are starting college courses or apprenticeships or going into employment. We wish them all well.

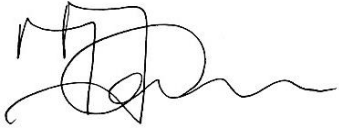
### **Building works**

Our new build extension to Sixth Form facilities is almost ready for occupation. It will provide additional teaching spaces, office and meeting accommodation and, most importantly, a further study centre. It will be a superb addition to the study facilities available to our Sixth Form students. We will look forward to showing you around when you next visit.

If you have any questions please contact [office@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk](mailto:office@vandyke.cbeds.co.uk) and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

We are looking forward to the start of another successful year for everyone at Vandyke.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Carroll', with a stylized, cursive script.

Tim Carroll

Headteacher