



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2nd July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

The government guidance as to how schools will be able to fully open from September was published this morning. The Senior Leadership Team and other groups will now use this to underpin our risk assessment and any plans that we will then develop. As soon as I am able to give you a definitive picture of what your daughter will experience in the new term, I will send you an updated newsletter. Until then, I have news about changes that we do know about.



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## The Last Week of Term

In May I did mention that we would not be inviting the Year 10 and 12 onto site for the last week of term so we could have a number of whole school events. Some departments will be setting work, but on the whole, the week will be dedicated to the following events:

### **Monday 13th July - Head Girl Team Takeover**

Once a year the Head Girl Team are given the opportunity to lead the school in activities of their choice. This year the girls have chosen the theme of 'Community' and will be hosting a number of live and filmed events and talks, culminating in a Kahoot quiz.

### **Tuesday 14th July - Sports Day**

Miss Holes has written a letter to outline the day that is attached to this week's newsletter.

## Wednesday 15th July – Celebration

We will be releasing two films to celebrate the achievements of our girls, in an event similar to the Junior and Senior Prize Giving.

## Thursday 16th July – Form Live Events

Every girl will be invited to attend a live Form or Year group event, to recreate the traditional 'parties' or fun activities that happen at the end of term.

## Friday 17th July

End of term assemblies.

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# Update on Have Your Own Device

I realise that our decision to allow pupils to use their own device in classrooms has been a significant change in the lives of our girls, parents and the staff. As such, I will be giving updates and responding to enquiries through this newsletter; the more I can clarify for you, the easier the transition will be. We have updated the guide on the Parent page of the school website and I would like to clarify the following:

- **Devices will not be compulsory in lessons** – we will ensure that your daughter will not miss out if she does not have a device.
- **Devices may be used in class and at home** – ideally girls will be able to use the same device at home and at school, making the transition easier.
- We will try to find ways of providing devices for girls whose family's **finances** do not allow the purchase of a device.

I am very grateful to a parent who has responded to our appeal to donate devices to the school. The incredibly generous individual has donated 12 tablets to the school and we are now in the process of identifying girls who will receive them. This is in addition to the 4 laptops that were allocated to the school through the government scheme. If you or your company are in a similar position to support the school, please do contact me.

If your daughter is in Year 10 or 12 and you have been unable to provide your daughter with her own device to complete her work, then please email Y10 ([s.cowling@watfordgirls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:s.cowling@watfordgirls.herts.sch.uk)) or Y12 ([c.bevan@watfordgirls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:c.bevan@watfordgirls.herts.sch.uk)).

Best wishes,

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