

Monday, 1st March 2021

Dear student,

Preparing for our return to the academy

We are incredibly excited about welcoming you back into the academy next week. I have written separately to your parents and carers to outline the practical arrangements for your return. However, I am writing to you specially, as there are some important things that we want you to know.

1. We are incredibly proud of you

The recent months have been exceptionally difficult. You have shown incredible resilience and adaptability. You have been selfless and put the needs of others before your own. You have made sacrifices and faced challenges with strength and determination. There has been talk in the media about what schoolchildren may have lost, including some learning time, but there is much you have gained. You will emerge from this stronger. This may be the greatest challenge you have faced so far but it will not be the last. Next time you will find you have more resources and are better prepared (and even more so the time after that).

2. We are here for you

We know the pandemic and lockdown will have affected people in different ways. We want you to know we are here for you. We know that you are keen to resume your academic studies in school. We know that you are desperate to get back to your sports, music, art, acting and everything else that is so crucial to your development. We know, also, that you will need a chance to reconnect with your friends. We are committed to ensuring that your opportunities are balanced and that, wherever your passions lie, you have the chance to pursue these. We will be here to encourage you, to support you and to challenge you every step of the way.

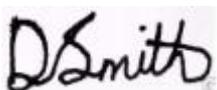
3. You are the future

There are challenges at the moment, but there always have been and always will be. You are the future and that future is not written. You can make a difference. We have complete faith in you. The world needs Pimlico Academy students.

When you return to the academy, you will spend most of your first day back with your tutor group. This will be an opportunity for you to reacclimatise to academy life and to ask any questions that you may have about the weeks ahead. To give yourself the best possible start in your return to school, please ensure that you have your full academy uniform ready to wear on the first day back, that your appearance is in keeping with the academy's policy and that you have all of the stationery and equipment that you will need.

Above all, be excited about your return to the academy next week! We are excited for you, because your return will mark the next step on your journey towards attaining 'freedom through education'.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. D Smith
Principal