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Dear Parent,

The school will close for the summer on Friday 3rd July. With the last online lesson concluding no later than 3.15 pm. Given the disruption, we have experienced due to the lockdown we will not have our usual activities week. Many of our Year 11 students have chosen to take introductory AS lessons and these will end one week earlier on Friday 26th June. I must thank all of our pupils for the way they have adjusted to the additional demands of online learning and thank parents for the many sacrifices they have made to support this learning.

As I write, we fully intend to reopen our doors at the beginning of the new Academic Year. This is, of course, dependent on guidance, yet to be received, from both State and Federal Government as well as our risk assessments. My predominant wish is to see the pupils return to onsite education as soon as safely possible however, we will, of course, take no risks with the health of our pupils or staff.

We have developed several plans to give BIS the very best chance of being able to open safely in September. These range from a return to the control measures that were in place before closure to the creation of "education bubbles" operating within socially distanced classrooms and communal spaces where the interaction of pupils with other classes and year groups is kept to an absolute minimum. In effect, this would be a series of micro-schools operating within the campus with academic and support staff allocated to one bubble and a staggered timetable in place. This second option would see some constraints on the curriculum and the wider life of the school but would allow pupils to return to school for formal onsite teaching. We have already set up one of our teaching blocks under these arrangements to allow us to more easily consider the impact that such changes will make.

We intend to reopen boarding at the same time as lessons resume. The Boarding Schools Association has been hugely supportive in this regard and provides regular updates on how to do so safely. It may well be that we must initially reduce our boarding numbers to maintain safe distances. If this remains the case, we will operate a priority system to allocate beds.

However, given the changing nature of the pandemic and the requirement to meet the directives of State and Federal government it is, in mid-June, too early to make any final decisions about how we will open. I can assure you that we are monitoring the situation very carefully and will communicate with parents as soon as we can provide specific detail. In the meantime, I would encourage all pupils to work on the presumption that we will return to school in September as planned.

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Upon our return, the school day will be extended for all pupil other than Year 7. Period 6 will operate from 2.45-3.35 on Mondays, Wednesday and Thursdays throughout Term 1 and will continue into Term 2 for our exam Years. This does mean there will be some dilution of co-curricular provision, but we will broaden the range of options on the 2 remaining days.

The term will begin on the 7th September with the formal “end of year” tests that would have typically taken place in late June beginning on Tuesday 8th. These tests will cover the full prior year of teaching and pupils are encouraged to treat the week of 31/8 to 4/9 as a revision week. All pupils will receive their exam timetables before the end of this Term. Our New Year 7 and Year 12 students will not take examinations, rather they will begin lessons on 8th having attended their induction days on the 7th.

Term 1 will also be extended by one week and will now end on December 18th rather than December 11th.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 should by now have celebrated their graduation and attended their prom. Sadly, this has not been possible. We have looked at several alternative ways in which to mark this important stage in their academic lives including online and drive through graduation ceremonies but with restrictions to the campus still in place, this will not be possible. We are now looking at providing a graduation dinner at the very end of Term 1 during which students, parents and teachers can celebrate together. I know that many students will have travelled to their respective Sixth Forms and universities, but I hope that most will have returned to Lagos for Christmas and we will stream the event for those that cannot attend.

As the national response to Covid-19 evolves over the coming weeks, I will be able to provide additional and more specific detail on how we will resume in September. In the meantime, I would once again like to thank you for your ongoing support of the school during this difficult time and wish you the very happiest of summer months.

Yours faithfully,

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