

Head's Space

Term 6, 2019/2020



The end of the academic year is upon us and many of the familiar customs and rites of passage have had to be abandoned. Despite all of the challenges, however, there has been a great deal of imagination and ingenuity employed to ensure that our young people continue to learn and are still very much a part of our school community. We are, naturally, sad that our school leavers have not had the opportunity to celebrate in the usual way, but, uncertain as the future may seem, we wish them every possible success in their journey ahead—with determination and resourcefulness, I am sure they will find their way.

At the other end of the school we have welcomed our new intake students, who have largely had a remote induction, but have joined us this week for a Transition Day. By necessity, it has had to be a carefully orchestrated, socially-distant experience, but it has given them a valuable introduction to life at STS and a chance for a first meeting with their fellow students. We look forward very much to getting to know them better in September!

The Government has made a policy decision that all children should return to school in September and we are now working furiously to analyse the guidance and put a cohesive plan together. Adjustments will undoubtedly need to be made to our normal practice—rest assured, we will update you once a firm plan is in place. Please do, therefore, check your email during the summer break for more information about the arrangements.

Part of the programme for the new academic year will be a catch up strategy to bring students up to date with their studies. We will, of course, make every effort to minimise and address the impact of the months of classroom time that your child has missed. In the meantime, we have decided to leave our remote learning resources available on the STS website throughout the summer break—any work that your child can do now will undoubtedly help them to get up to speed that little bit quicker in the Autumn Term.

As you know, we have launched a fundraising campaign to support the refurbishment of the Sandwich Sports and Leisure Centre and I would like to sincerely thank those of you who have donated. We now have another string to our fundraising bow and have registered our charity with the Dover Lotto. This means that every lottery ticket sold will benefit our own fundraising as well as other local causes—and for every £1 ticket you have a chance to win £25,000! It's essential that you buy your tickets via the Sandwich Technology School page in order for us to benefit—the following link will take you to it: [Dover Lotto](#). Good luck!

Before signing off, I would like to take a moment to thank you for all of your supportive comments during this strange and difficult time. I would also like to publicly thank all of our staff, who have worked incredibly hard to keep us moving forward. I know that not everything that we did was quite right and we may not have satisfied every one, but I am certain that we have tried our very best.

I hope that you and your family continue to be safe and well and we look forward to opening our doors in September—ready to embrace new opportunities ahead.

Have a restful summer and I will be in touch with our future plans as soon as they are confirmed.

With best wishes

Tracey Savage
Headteacher



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