



## “Believing is Achieving”

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

We head towards the end of a hectic term and we can look back on a period that will never be forgotten. As we reflect on what has been achieved we should be pleased how our community has pulled together. The strength, depth, resilience and all around can-do attitude of the pupils, parents, and staff means that nothing fazes us! From reports I have received from pupils, parents, and staff, no-one has thought to coast since Lockdown began.

The Year 11 have come to the end of their secondary education journey and now prepare for new adventures ahead in their post 16 placements. We also have several pupils lower down the school who are reintegrating back to mainstream school in September. We are very proud of them and are sad to see them all go but excited to hear of their future successes. We know that they are ready and well prepared.

I have been looking back on what has been an extraordinary year and during the summer break will have the opportunity to pause and reflect. I am incredibly proud of what the pupils, teachers and support staff have achieved during the year. All staff at Shepwell have worked hard to prepare for the return of all pupils across the school at some point in September. This is something we are very much looking forward to even though Shepwell will look very different due to Covid-19. We are also looking forward to welcoming new pupils to the Shepwell community in September. I would love the pupils to be back as soon as possible after September 1<sup>st</sup> but not at the risk to the health of our staff, parents and pupils. I'm led by government direction and I wish to thank you in advance for your support with the personalised timetables, group bubbles, and the many other Covid-19 plans that will help mitigate the risk of anyone catching and spreading coronavirus. The transition of coming back to school will be hard in term of managing people's anxieties around Covid-19 but I need to go with scientific advice and we must not forget that Covid-19 has not gone away.

Thank you all for your cooperation during the year and I very much look forward to seeing you next term.

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to email me.

I wish you a healthy, safe and above all happy summer holiday.

Kind Regards

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