

8th July 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to extend my thanks for your support throughout the year. Covid-19 has presented many challenges and I know it's not been easy, especially during lockdown and when you have received an isolation message. However, your cooperation and understanding have been commendable and appreciated by all of the staff at Connell.

We are yet to receive guidance from the Government about Covid-19 planning for September, but it is likely that mass testing may take place at college at the start of term. Students will be returning on 6th September at the earliest, and an update will be sent when we have further information.

Finally, I'd like to inform you of my decision to leave Connell this summer. Emma Soper, my deputy, has been appointed to replace me from September. Emma has been at Connell since 2014 and is a very experienced senior leader. I am certain that Emma's appointment is the right one that is supported by all and you will join with me to wish her the best of luck in her new role.

Best wishes

Jane Hopcroft
Principal