



Headmaster's Welcome - Summer Term



Welcome back!

I very much hope that all our families enjoyed a restful and relaxing Easter. With the easing of restrictions earlier this week and some crisp sunshine there is certainly a lighter feel, and it has been a pleasure to see the girls and boys enjoying their first cricket sessions at Kempton Park. Over the holidays, work has been undertaken on our grounds and buildings on the main site and I hope you feel like I do that TPS is very much looking at its best. I am very much indebted to Mr Niehaus for all his hard work over the Easter period, along with the supporting grounds team.

We are, of course, very keen to move forward with the educational opportunities for the children, and I can confirm that during the holidays DfE guidance confirmed that schools can now entertain the prospect of educational trips, with the assumption that 'bubble' groups will be maintained and that educational centres will strictly adhere to hygiene protocols and social distancing. This is great news and we very much hope to run trips for each year group this term. In addition, the hope is to run sporting fixtures for our older pupils closer to half term, in line with guidance from the sports governing bodies, with other local independent schools. Further details will be communicated by the Sports Department in due course regarding the arrangements for fixtures.

In terms of arrangements for the children, please note that the expectation remains that our oldest pupils in Year 7 and 8 continue to wear face coverings for the time being and my colleagues and I will do the same in communal areas and when teaching the older boys. It is likely that these requirements will continue to be the case through to mid-May. Please do continue to wear a face covering when visiting the school site, adhering to the one-way system for collection. To date, your support and vigilance has been a key determinant in the success we have had in managing the running of the school during the pandemic so thank you!

Oliver Barrett

Headmaster