



# CAMBORNE SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

*Learning to be Extraordinary*

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

It has been close on four months since the country went into lockdown and CSIA officially closed for most of our students. These have been very unusual and challenging times and I hope and trust that you have all fared as well as can be expected, remain upbeat and have good health.

When CSIA went into lockdown I, my Senior Leaders, Governors and Trustees agreed to commit to two fundamental principles. Firstly, whilst CSIA was officially closed, the school would be there for our students and the community we serve no matter what. Secondly, that the support and provision that our school provided would be second to none, up there with the very best schools in the country, both state and private.

As the country emerges from lockdown, and the school year officially comes to an end, the CSIA Learning Community, Teachers, Staff, Governors, Trustees, Students, Parents/Carers and our wider community have so much to be proud of. We have certainly honoured and lived up to the two principles we set ourselves in March.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at CSIA for doing an amazing job since March, they have time and time again gone the extra mile. Over the months they have continued to teach their classes through high quality distance learning, made regular and frequent phone calls to check on the wellbeing of students and families, handed out initially, free school meals and thereafter implemented the free school meal voucher scheme, which was not straight forward. Teachers and staff have worked hard to keep the CSIA Facebook page up to date, and ensured it contains lots of upbeat messages, stories and video clips from CSIA staff. The Heads of House have organised a number of exciting activities and challenges, as well as the PE department organising a series of virtual sports challenges through the 'Virtual School Games'.

For a significant number of students, school has remained open and I have been truly impressed by the exciting and creative programmes put in place by my colleagues. I urge you to refer to the attached document from Mrs Gellatly, for details of the wonderful 'Extraordinary Me' programme for the benefit of all students.

The list of everything that has been undertaken during lockdown is very long indeed, too much to mention in this letter, but a very big thank you to all the wonderful colleagues who I work with at CSIA. A great job, well done.

I would also like to thank all of our amazing students who have really risen to the challenge facing them. Well done, you are truly 'extraordinary'. Mention must also go to all our parents and carers who have also provided invaluable engagement and support to their sons and daughters. These months, we know, have not been easy but you have remained supportive and without your help our students would not have benefitted as much from the many programmes and activities we put on.

I would also like to thank the many parents and carers who have contacted the school to state their appreciation for all that CSIA staff have done for their sons and daughters. Your kind words have really been appreciated by the staff and has meant a great deal to them.

To conclude this section of my letter, I congratulate 'one and all' of our amazing learning community. You all have so much to be proud of and have achieved so much in challenging times.

I now turn my attention to the start of the new academic year in September.

We are all looking forward to welcoming our students back to CSIA. We have missed them. Myself and the leadership of the school have been working hard in recent weeks to develop a robust 'return' plan for September, which will allow all students to return to their studies, but at the same time adheres to government guidelines, and provides CSIA staff, students and parents/carers with the reassurance they seek.

We have decided to change the start days of the new academic year from those previously published. We believe that it is important that time is given for a measured return to school, in order for all staff to be fully informed and trained on the new 'normal' arrangements. We are also looking to implement a phased return of each year group in order that students themselves can be fully briefed on any new arrangements, expectations and be reassured.

The diagram below sets out the arrangements for the start of the new academic year and return in September. The school is keen to let parents and carers know as early as possible in order for them to make any appropriate arrangements.

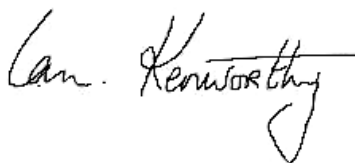
Furthermore, specific details regarding our return plan will be sent to you towards the end of the summer holiday, when we can update with any new guidance as appropriate. I look for your support with our return in September.

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| Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 4 September 2020 | Staff Training and Preparation for student return                     |
| Monday 7 September 2020                        | Year 7 in School<br>Year 12 at Stithians Lake for their induction day |
| Tuesday 8 September 2020                       | Years 7, 11 & 12 in School  |
| Wednesday 9 September 2020                     | Years 7, 10, 11, 12 & 13 in School                                    |
| Thursday 10 September 2020                     | Years 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 & 13 in School                                 |
| Friday 11 September 2020                       | All year groups in School.  |

It remains for me, a total privilege and honour to lead this wonderful school, and to see our amazing CSIA learning community pull together so well as a team, during these extraordinary and challenging times.

Thank you for your truly amazing support over these last few months.

Yours sincerely



Ian Kenworthy  
Principal