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Dear Parents

We hope you are all safe and strong. We are very conscious that with the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education's issuance of the revised calendar for 2021, parents are very concerned about how these dates will apply to us, given that we have engaged in online learning since January.

We wish to advise you that ATS (Association of Trust Schools) has applied to the Ministry for the term to end on 31 March, as previously stated. Further to that, ATS is requesting that our second term will be starting on the 3rd of May, as originally planned.

We are very conscious that pupils, parents and staff alike all require a break due to the strains and pressures of a full twelve week term (of online learning and soon to be in person) as well as plans having already been made for what was expected to be the Easter holidays.

Furthermore, ATS are liaising with the Ministry to agree on acceptable deviations to the published calendar for the remainder of the year. These dates, once confirmed, will be issued at the earliest opportunity. We will keep you informed of any developments as soon as we can.



The school is reopening for face to face learning for the various classes as follows:

- ◆ Forms Four and Six – 15 March 2021 (boarders to check in from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Sunday, 14 March 2021).
- ◆ Forms One, Two, Three and Lower Sixth – 22 March 2021 (boarders to check in on Sunday, 21 March 2021 from 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.)

We do understand that if permission is granted to close on 31 March, the period of face to face learning will be brief, however, it will be important for us to meet the learners and attend to various issues. We therefore expect all learners to return as stated above.

We kindly remind you to pay school fees for your child so that he/she will be allowed to return to school. Gate passes will be available at the school office.

Thank you for your attention, patience and understanding in all matters addressed in this newsletter.

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