



July 2021

To: All Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers

As the end of the academic year approaches, I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

I would like to begin by thanking our students for their continued efforts during what has been a very unpredictable year in their educational journey. Despite the disruptions to their classroom experience, they have engaged well with their learning both at home and in school. Despite the impact of the pandemic locally, attendance has remained consistently above the national average since the return to classroom learning in **March 2021**. For this, I must thank you, our parents and carers for your consistent, positive reinforcement of the importance of regular attendance in reaching their full potential, it can't have been easy at times.

I would like to recognise those students who made up our Class of 2021. They remained engaged and motivated throughout Year 11, despite knowing early on in the year that their formal GCSE examinations were cancelled to be replaced by the dreaded TAGs (Teacher Assessed Grades). Whilst it was not possible to arrange a Prom due to the ongoing restrictions we unfortunately also had to cancel arrangements for their 'Leaver's Assembly' in June. We do however look forward to welcoming them back into college to receive their GCSE grades on Results Day (**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021**).

At the end of every academic year, we say goodbye to members of staff as they move on to pastures new as part of the next stage of their careers. This year it is the turn of Mr Samways, Mr Spencer and Mr Taylor. I would like to take this opportunity to offer thanks on behalf of their students and colleagues at Denton Community College for all their efforts and ongoing dedication to the education of the young people of Tameside.

This year we launched our DCC Alumni through the 'Linkedin' platform, which can be accessed directly via this [link](#). To date we have over 180 members consisting of former students and staff. If you do know anyone who might be interested in joining please provide them with the link or direct them to our website which has a dedicated Alumni section. Our social media presence is also growing, with the College News (@DCC\_News) and Headteacher @ DCC (@HeadteacherDcc) Twitter feeds now providing well over 2000 followers with information and updates regarding the school.

As we look to the future, Denton Community College finds itself more popular than ever with families in the area. An increased focus on community and closer ties with our feeder primary schools within the town led to record numbers of Year 6 students naming us first choice for **September 2021**. This is a real validation of the work the school has been doing and leaves us oversubscribed across a number of year groups.

Arrangements for the return of students in **September 2021** are as follows:

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** - Staff INSET Day (No Students)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Year 7 Induction Day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Year 7 Induction Day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** (AM - 8.40 to 11.20am) - Year 9 & Year 10

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** (PM - 12.10 to 2.50pm) - Year 8 & Year 11

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** - All students (8.40am to 2.50pm)

Please note that when students are not in school on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** Home Learning will be set for each student via Google Classroom.

The last day of term is **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. As with the end of each academic year, the College will be closing at the earlier time of 11.45am. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, a packed lunch can be made available from the canteen if requested in advance. Please contact reception or email [info@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk](mailto:info@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk) by 9.30am on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July** to place an order. Whilst the school bus companies will be providing the usual service in the morning of **Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**, unfortunately there will be no return service. Students will therefore be required to make alternative arrangements for their homeward journey.

Once again, I would like to offer my thanks for your continued support of the College. I would also like to extend my best wishes to everyone for a well-deserved summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming all of our students back to college in September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Rule', written in a cursive style.

Mr G Rule  
HEADTEACHER