

# THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Passing of Winter**

*'The speculating rooks at their nests cawed,  
And saw from elm-tops, delicate as flower of grass,  
What we below could not see, Winter pass'*

Edward Thomas

As we embrace the spring, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your unerring kindness and trust. The last few weeks have afforded veritable riches in regard to the remote learning initiative and the many incidentals that have arisen. Pupils who have been on-site everyday have shone. Given the current circumstances, one could be forgiven for making allowances and lowering the bar. We have opted not to do this and there is no denying that it has been the right decision, with children demonstrating such ardent endeavour, and a sense of magnanimity, that is disarming and belies their tender years.

## **Gloriously Sunny**

This weekend, please read with your child as much as possible and consider venturing again to one of London's many parks or gardens. I gather it is supposed to be gloriously sunny. Being active now will pay dividends and positively affect the quality of your child's sleep and developmental growth per se.

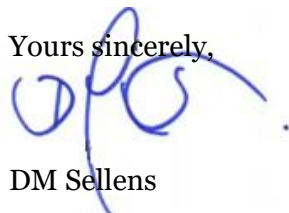
## **Seat of Learning**

*'Life must be lived forwards'*

Soren Kierkegaard

On a number of levels, Thomas Jones is the antithesis of myopic, a genuine seat of learning and an institution that is, at its strongest, exacting. Held up as an exemplar in some quarters, it would be all too easy to take for granted what has been established. From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, it is our collective responsibility to ensure that all pupils return and quickly recalibrate. Those who periodically struggle will be accorded support and the capable challenged to become more accomplished. If our pupils do not achieve, we have failed. In the meantime, ensure your child is appropriately immersed in the learning that has been organised by the teachers. I look forward to seeing everybody when things resume.

Yours sincerely,



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