

# THOMAS JONES

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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Optimism and Concern**  
*'And all shall be well and  
All manner of things shall be well'*

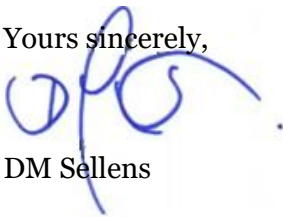
T.S Eliot  
Little Gidding

At this difficult time, I keep oscillating between optimism and concern. The above lines of poetry capture the former and the intimation that we will reconvene soon, though it is almost impossible to forecast when this may be. In his most recent address, the Prime Minister mooted the notion of, at best, an 8<sup>th</sup> March return. This may change, of course, depending on a number of variables. In the meantime, the expectation is that Thomas Jones' teachers immerse themselves in planning and organising appropriately blended learning that can be accessed remotely, and for those with a curriculum responsibility, writing policies and associated documentation.

### **That Afforded Pupils**

Despite everything that is currently happening, there is no denying that the last few weeks have been successful. Indeed, many of you have written emails and cards and made telephone calls, effusing in regard to some of the home-learning that has been afforded. Those pupils who are here every day are overtly upbeat, their resilience humbling, and a nod to normality. There is an abundance of positivity too amongst the staff team. Rest assured, as and when everything properly recalibrates, our priority will be to safeguard and sustain what has been achieved and to further improve. I want every single child to shine. The thrust of our development programme will continue to be triggered by rigour and an uncompromising set of standards. The scrutiny of the quality of learning will, going forward, remain absolute.

Yours sincerely,



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