

19th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for attending the academic review meetings, whether this has been face to face, conducted by telephone or completed online, we appreciate the opportunity to check on each student's progress. These meetings will be concluded next week, and our Trustees have now approved our proposal to offer Year 10 lessons in school from the 29th June. The government guidance on this matter is strict, stating that schools may only have a quarter of the year group on site at any point. We therefore intend to **invite each student into school for one day per week**, Monday to Thursday. Students studying Arts subjects will also be offered the opportunity to come in for one Friday during the last three weeks of term as these subjects have been particularly difficult to work on at home.

It is important that students understand social distancing rules mean that life in school will be very different to how they remember it. Students will be organised into small groups of no more than 10. Students will stay in these groups and in one room for the majority of their lessons. Students will not be taught in their sets and may not have their usual teachers. Lunches and breaks will happen within these groups and students will eat in their classroom. In good weather we will be able to facilitate short outdoor breaks but these will be supervised and on rotation to avoid groups meeting each other. At all times students will be required maintain the 2m distance between each other and the staff. **These conditions follow government guidance and any student who cannot accept them will not be permitted to attend.** Students will not be able to select their group or the day they attend. Students will be required to wear school uniform but the tie, blazer and jumper should not be worn.

As reported in the media attendance is not legally compulsory, some students will have medical reasons why they should remain at home, other families have already told us they do not feel ready to return their children to school. It is a decision each Year 10 family must now make. This programme of Year 10 lessons will run from 29th June until the last day of term on the 17th July. **Arrangements will be finalised based on a parental survey to be completed by 3pm on Tuesday 23rd June**, as the programme is only three weeks long we will need to hold you to your decision; it will not be possible to join the programme at a later date. Students opting to attend will be required to attend all day, 8.45am to 3pm. If your child usually travels on a school bus they will be required to wear a face covering, we have been advised that while every effort will be made to offer the usual school bus service, arrangements will be based on uptake and so there may be a short delay in getting this in place. Students walking to school are asked to remain 2m from other people. On arrival at school students will need to stand on 2m distance markers as you might if queuing to enter a supermarket.

Please discuss the detail of this letter with your child and let us know whether or not you wish to accept a place by completing this brief online survey: <https://forms.gle/1tx9xQty6sVFyv8LA>

Yours sincerely,



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