



11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents,

## Update on the school closure and key information for parents in Years 10 and 12

I hope that this finds you and your family safe and well.

### Return to school

The Government has confirmed that, as of Monday 15 June, secondary schools, sixth form, and further education colleges will begin offering some face to face support to year 10 and year 12 students to supplement their remote education, which should remain their predominant mode of education during this term. Further to my letter at the end of last half term, I can now inform you of our plans.

In preparing to reopen, the safety of your child is paramount and we are following the latest Government guidance and scientific advice in our preparations and planning. Whilst we expect and hope that your child will return, to ensure that we are able to safely open the school, we need an indication of how many students are likely to attend. Thank you to all those parents who have already responded to our short survey. I would be grateful if you would now respond if you have not already done so, or if you have changed your intentions: <https://forms.gle/q6mL6VzhaWHjDS399>

Can I please remind you that in line with current guidance we want to encourage students not to use public transport to get to and from school. For those students who must use public transport, a reminder that the government has announced that wearing a face covering will be mandatory on public transport in England from 15 June.

### Year 10 and 12 - Our Offer

We would like to see every student in Year 10 and 12 for an initial meeting with a member of staff. Each student will be given an appointment time for which they should arrive promptly. These meetings will begin on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June. This will be an opportunity to discuss online work, any concerns the student may have and also discuss career and academic aspirations for GCSE and beyond as well as UCAS for Year 12. At this meeting students will be provided with a timetable for provision beginning on 23<sup>rd</sup> June for Year 12 and 29<sup>th</sup> June for Year 10. Whilst we endeavour to see all students in Year 10 and 12 your child should continue to engage in online learning.

Your child will receive their individual **appointment time** by the end of this week – which will include key information about returning to site.

From Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, and for the remaining weeks of this term, in line with government guidelines, a quarter of Year 10 students per day will have timetabled lessons. A new timetable has been created ensuring that where possible, and pending staff attendance, classes are taught by specialist teachers. The lessons will be focused on covering content that students have learnt or revised during lockdown and supporting online work. Students will remain in their 'bubble' of no more than 15 students throughout the day.

#### Medication

During the remaining weeks of this half-term, staff will not be administering medication. Children on medication should hand this in on arrival with a letter of authorisation from parents that their child can visit the designated medical room and self-administer. Medication should then be collected at the end of the day.

Once again thank you for all your support in this difficult and stressful time. I hope that you and your family are well and offer our thoughts and prayers for all those in our community affected by this pandemic.

Yours sincerely,



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