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Dear Families

Re-opening to Year 10 and Year 12 students

It was wonderful to welcome Year 10 and Year 12 students and their families back into school yesterday, for the first time since school closed on 20th March. We also continue to welcome into school our vulnerable students, and those whose parent has been a critical worker throughout the period of lockdown. Staff have been meeting with Year 10 and Year 12 students and families in the Hall and Sixth Form Centre respectively, hearing about how students have been coping whilst at home. We have an increased number of staff in school to support our re-opening to Year 10 and Year 12 students, which will increase further once small group teaching begins with these year groups from next week. If there are particular themes which emerge from the initial meetings, we will contact all families with our responses later in the week, especially if unable to answer queries during the meetings. We look forward to meeting with more students and families in the coming days.

We are currently developing our offer of 'live lessons' using Microsoft Teams with Year 10 and Year 12 students. More details will follow later this week, and we will continue to work with individual families where IT devices or broadband is not available to ensure we can provide the best possible curriculum in these circumstances. Year 10 and Year 12 students will have a 'blend' of small group teaching in school if able to attend, and 'live lessons' using Microsoft Teams until the end of term.

Update for Year 7, 8 and 9 students

For Year 7, 8 and 9 students, our projects will continue for the next 4 weeks, before some different activities in the last week of term for students in these year groups. We are also making plans to introduce 'live lessons' using Microsoft Teams from September should school not be fully open to all students. Our planning will continue over the coming weeks, so that we are ready to offer a 'blended curriculum' of some lessons in school and some 'live lessons' using Microsoft Teams if necessary to do so.

Update to secondary school government guidance

Secondary school government guidance was updated yesterday. The important change was that, in addition to secondary schools welcoming Year 10 and Year 12 students for some face-to-face support, where possible, schools may invite students in other year groups in for a meeting before the end of this term, where it would be beneficial. Once we have considered how we are able to respond to this change to the government guidance, I will update families – this update is likely to be early next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Stay safe as the lockdown continues to ease across the country.

Yours faithfully

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