



Dear Parent and Carer,

22nd May 2020

I am writing to inform you of our plans for our Year 10 and Year 12 students' online education in accordance with the latest government guidelines.

The link to this information is below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

In summary, the government guidance for secondary education is:

"We will ask secondary schools, sixth form and further education colleges to offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 students who are due to take key exams next year, alongside the full-time provision they are offering to priority groups."

"From 1 June 2020, we expect that secondary schools and colleges will be able to offer some face to face contact with year 10 and year 12 pupils. This will not be a return to full timetables or pupils back in school or college full time, rather some support to supplement pupils' remote education."

(20th May 2020)

In the Parent and Carer guidance, it states:

Secondary schools, sixth form, and further education colleges to begin some face-to-face support with year 10 and 12 pupils, although we do not expect these pupils to return on a full-time basis at this stage

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In line with government guidance, we are planning a two-phased approach, which will allow safe face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of our Year 10 and Year 12 students.

To inform our planning, Mr Bradley has created an online Satchel survey for families of our Year 10 and Year 12 students to complete.

The links to these surveys are as follows:

Year 10 <https://app.satchelpulse.com/s/cpaTd3XFGb5jtG8VXkArSf86>

Year 12 <https://app.satchelpulse.com/s/fNP7XcVd7xeo3LKD43mYyB6i>

Phase 1 - From week beginning 8th June, we are intending to provide face-to-face support for students and/or parents and carers on the Academy site or via online platforms such as ZOOM, Face Time, Skype or Microsoft Teams.

The face-to-face support will be on an appointment basis for a period of 15 minutes. This will enable us to provide support and guidance on how to improve remote learning, feedback on your son or daughters progress and receive further feedback from you to help us improve our support and provision.

If a parent or carer were unable to attend an appointment, we would expect the student to attend to get the full face-to-face entitlement.

Phase 2 - From week beginning 15th June, we are planning to provide 90-minute lectures and lessons to small groups of students in the larger venues at the Academy, such as the Cotswold Hall, Gym, Sports Hall and 6th Form Study Rooms. These lectures, in the first instance, will focus on the core subjects of English, Maths and Science for Year 10 and the key subjects where students require further support or face-to-face input in Year 12. It is intended that these lectures will be by invitation and on a rota basis.

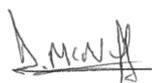
The organisation and management of how we will implement this safely, will be sent to you during the week beginning 1st June and it will be based on government guidelines, the outcomes of the Years 10 & 12 parent surveys, validation of our Academy risk assessments and the learning needs of our students.

It is important for me to stress, we want to provide a flexible approach that meets the needs of our students and families and that there is no compulsion for students to attend the Academy. Hence, why we will be providing support at the Academy and online. Any student or family that are vulnerable due to underlying health conditions, shielding, or other specified reason, as advised by Public Health England, would need to access online face-to-face support when it becomes live.

In addition, and although not expected by the government, we are looking at the possibility of providing online face-to-face support to supplement students' progress into their next academic year for the parents, carers and students in Years 7, 8 and 9 at some point before the summer holiday.

Today, Friday 22nd May, is the last day of this half term. May I thank all of our students, parents and carers for all the support and great work to help all remote learning over the past term. Have a restful and enjoyable half term holiday. The start of the new term is on Monday 1st June.

All my best wishes to you and your family,



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