



# BISHOP CHALLONER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

4<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Student and parents/carers,

I hope you and your family are well. This letter is to provide an update on how we intend to support our Year 12 students in the next few weeks.

## **General update**

Over the half term break, the government confirmed its intention to ask secondary schools to begin to welcome more students from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. The remit the Department for Education has given us is to:

*"...provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and 12 pupils, with a clear expectation that remote education continues to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups"*

We have been completing our detailed risk assessment in preparation for wider opening and this will be consulted on with Governors, school staff, Trade Unions and the Local Authority in the coming days. The Governing Body are meeting early next week to confirm the phased reopening plan following this consultation period.

***Please note that the details outlined below are subject to the Governing Body agreeing to the phased opening plan next week and may need to change at short notice. The safety of our students and staff remains our primary concern.***

## **Week commencing June 8<sup>th</sup> – Remote Learning**

Remote learning will continue next week wb 8<sup>th</sup> June. Students will continue to be set tasks via ClassCharts, the website and/or email that week.

## **Week commencing June 15<sup>th</sup> - Face-to-face support**

Unless you have advised us that your son/daughter is unable to, during the week commencing **Monday 15th June** they will be expected to attend college, to meet with teachers, on the date and time detailed in the letter that has been posted out to you. Students will have an opportunity to see staff on just one day during this week, so please make sure that they know when they are required.

To ensure that we are able to work safely, they must attend on the day and at the time given in the letter. Parents/carers are strongly advised to read the guidance that has been issued by the government on the reopening of schools:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

As more information becomes available, we will post links to it on the school website.

If your son/daughter is unable to attend, for any reason, please contact us on the main school number.

On arrival, students should enter via reception in the usual manner and then follow directions.

Once your son/daughter has seen all their subject teachers they will be free to return home.

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### **Week commencing June 22<sup>nd</sup> onwards – remote learning**

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, remote learning will resume until the end of the summer term. Some teachers may take the opportunity to hold sessions/lessons using Microsoft Teams, others will continue, as before, sharing work via ClassCharts and email.

### **Social distancing and PPE**

The wearing of a facemask/simple face covering or other PPE will be at the individual's discretion, but it is not governmental advice that PPE is required in a school setting.

All students will be provided with their own bottle of hand sanitizer on arrival (they may also bring their own if they wish). Handwashing stations will be available at key points in the school.

Students must, at all times, follow directions and observe new measures in place within the school to ensure social distancing.

We would ask that you re-familiarise yourself with the Public Health England guidance on handwashing and social distancing: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/social-distancing/what-you-need-to-do/>

### **COVID-19 Symptoms and Testing**

**Students should not attend school if they are displaying any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19.**

Further details on symptoms can be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If a student feels ill whilst on site they must immediately go to First Aid where trained staff will support them and advise on next steps.

If a student or family member displays COVID-19 symptoms we would urge them to get tested as soon as possible. Further information on testing can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

**If any student tests positive for COVID-19 parents/carers must inform the school as a matter of urgency.**

### **Survey**

A link to a short, but important, survey has been sent to parents/carers to complete. We would be grateful if you could respond to that survey as soon as possible to aid our own planning. The survey will be available on the school website. As part of the survey parents/carers will be asked to consent to students being contacted via Microsoft Teams.

### **Travel to and from school**

Students must take all sensible precautions to ensure safety whilst travelling to and from school. Please refer to governmental guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#walking-and-cycling>

### **Visitors**

Please be reminded that no visitors are allowed on our school site without a prior appointment.

### **UCAS Examinations**

Some students have enquired about the UCAS examinations, which were timetabled on the original school calendar. These will not take place. It is, of course, important that students maintain their efforts and study habits, to ensure that they are in a secure position when they enter Year 13.

## **Reports**

Subject to the resumption of normal school operation, we intend to send out a detailed report with an estimated grade and comment for each subject early next academic year.

## **Support with school email access and other ICT issues**

Should students have any difficulty accessing their school email guidance is available on the website:

<https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/year-12-phased-opening-information>

If you need support with other IT issues please contact our ICT support team using the Parents Spiceworks request form: <https://www.bishopchalloner.org.uk/news/2020-05-07-reporting-an-it-or-technical-issue>

## **Pastoral support and well-being**

Please remember there is well-being and safeguarding information, with numerous helpful links and resources on the website too: <https://bishopchalloner.org.uk/year-12-phased-opening-information>

If require any pastoral support, at any time, please do not hesitate to get in contact with myself or any member of the Sixth Form Team:

Miss Bisset: Head of Year 12 [f.bisset@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:f.bisset@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

Mrs Reynolds: General enquiries/Mental Health [r.reynolds@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:r.reynolds@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

Miss McGowan: Careers/University enquiries [e.mcgowan@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk](mailto:e.mcgowan@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk)

There will also be the opportunity for students to meet with key pastoral staff when they attend school for the face-to-face sessions.

We look forward to seeing your son/daughter shortly.

With best wishes

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