

Dear Parents and Carers,

As frustrating as it is, it is clear after the latest government announcement that there is no set date for Year 10 students to return to school just yet. Thankfully, what is pleasing is the suggestion of students having some 'face to face' contact with their teachers before the Summer holidays. As we wait for a further update from the Government in coming weeks, the Senior Leadership Team have started to look at how we overcome the issues related to reopening our school and are formulating a plan.

As we all know, across the country, Year 10 is an important year for laying strong foundations for learning and building up to the demands of Year 11, completion of GCSE courses, college applications and, of course, actual exams. If we were in school now we would be talking to Year 10 students about the expectations for Year 11. Explaining how working at home on independent study and revision is important as we encourage them to develop a strong work ethic and clear approaches to school work, exams and post 16 options. With this in mind staff are carefully choosing the work that is being set and have wisely selected crucial content that all Year 10 students are expected to know in their respective subjects. This is a deliberate ploy as there will be little time in Year 11 to go back over topics in any great detail.

After looking at the current data on MS Teams it is reassuring that a large majority of students are working hard and completing the work set studiously, keeping up to date. This will make a huge difference to their starting points on their return and take the pressure off having to catch up. If your child has not started or you feel is not doing enough then just email school on admin@chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk and address it to either Mr Gosling, Miss Slinger or Miss Irwin - and we will organise for someone to call and talk to you and your child about work, study routines and how to remain productive building in time for creative outlets and pursuing hobbies.

From September onwards we hope to start looking at college applications and predicted grades. The work students are doing now will add up and help secure stronger grades. We intend to invite you in for a presentation at the start of next year, as soon as we are able, and talk you through how our teachers intend to support you and your child moving forward. We have an amazing staff and they are well versed with ensuring each and every young person gets the support and direction they need. The team next year will have the addition of Ms. Sarwar, as Head of Upper School, who will join Miss Irwin and Mrs Girault in working with the Year group and, of course, myself as the Deputy Head.

Together we will do everything possible to ensure success in Year 11 and beyond.

Yours sincerely

Ms Banger

Please pass on the attached letter to your child. We will also be uploading this to the year group page on MS Teams.