



Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this letter continues to find you and your families safe and well. Following the update yesterday from Mr Jon Wright, CEO Omega Multi-Academy Trust, we wanted to contact our Year 10 parents directly to alleviate your understandable concerns and outline our plans to support our students in the final half term to supplement their continued home learning.

As I mentioned in my last letter to you on 29th May, and echoed by Mr Wright yesterday, our absolute priority is the continued safety & well-being of our students, staff and their families. Whilst our planning and associated risk assessments were robust for a phased return for face-to-face support from the 15th June, concerns were raised that the restrictions for students and staff would result in a delivery that was potentially not meaningful enough and create a negative in-school experience, which would outweigh any gain for the children.

We do remain hopeful, however, that we will be able to welcome Year 10 students back in to school physically over the coming weeks for a re-engagement support and some face-to-face sessions. The Confederation of School Trusts (CST) stated yesterday that they: *"expect the government's guidance on further flexibilities, which will be informed by Public Health England, to be published next week. We should wait for this guidance so that we understand the broad parameters of the ambition to welcome more pupils back before the summer if we are able."* As, and when, any developments are confirmed we will communicate these to you so you can make an informed choice to best support your child.

Building on our Welfare Call System, Year 10 students will now complete a 1:1 Pastoral Review with a member of their House Pastoral Team during the week commencing 15th June. This will be via a phone call and our Pastoral Team will focus on the well-being of each child as well as discussing their academic engagement with Google Classroom and the work set. They will also discuss our Pastoral Review document, which will be completed via Google Classroom following this 1:1 session, and any additional support, well-being or academic, which your child may need moving forward. An email will be sent on Monday 15th June from the Pastoral Team to you and your child outlining what day your child will be contacted.

To best support our students and families, we are currently broadening our on-site provision for keyworkers & vulnerable students. If you or your child are concerned in any way, the Pastoral Team will explore the benefit and value of your child accessing our on-site provision to complete their academic work and receive face-to-face welfare support.

The Department for Education recognises that remote learning is the main tool for curriculum delivery and have encouraged schools to develop this approach. Following recent training, staff will begin delivering *Live Lectures* in the below subjects from Monday 15th June. As planned, and in response to parent feedback, we will continue to develop this provision and further details will be shared for the week beginning 22nd June onwards.

	Mon 15 th June	Tues 16 th June	Wed 17 th June	Thurs 18 th June	Friday 19 th June
9.30 am	Geography	Statistics	Biology	Chemistry	Mathematics A
10.30 am	Mathematics B	Physics	Mathematics B	German	Spanish
11.30 am	Mathematics A	History	Psychology		French
12.30 am					English

Please note: Mathematics A will contain material at Grades 5 and above and Mathematics B will contain material up to and including Grade 5. Students are welcome to attend both sessions but may find some of the material does not meet their need.



We are using a function within the Google Suite to deliver our *Live Lectures*, which will supplement existing Google Classroom lessons and assignments, known as a 'Google Meet - live stream'. We have chosen this as staff and students are familiar with Google Classroom, as well as it also providing us with the most secure mode of delivery from a safeguarding perspective. Students will be able to access the live stream by following the link within the subject's classroom at the scheduled time indicated in the table above.

Our staff have worked tirelessly to develop their knowledge and skills of this new technology and whilst we are sure the *Live Lectures* will be a great success, as we will be exploring the use of this method of delivery for the first time, please bear with us if there are any technical hitches or teething problems. We are keeping fingers crossed that it goes as smooth as possible!

We are planning to record these livestreams so if a student is unable to attend the *Live Lecture*, has connection difficulties during the stream or wishes to watch the *Live Lecture* again they can do. These streams, like Google Classroom, can be accessed on a laptop, tablet, mobile phone or similar internet enabled device. Please remember that if a student has any questions related to a Google classroom assignment, they are able to contact their teacher using the classroom.

As previously stated, we very much look forward, with hope and optimism, to welcoming our students back. Now more than ever, we will lead with optimism and despite difficulties and pressures, we will continue to protect our school community and education, because in the words of the great Kofi Annan, "There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children."

Please do continue to stay safe and thank you for your continued patience, understanding and support during this challenging time. As soon as we are able to update you further on any plans, we will communicate these with you.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Headteacher