

National Teaching School designated by National College for Teaching & Leadership

Dear Parent / Carer of Year 10 students,

Following the overwhelmingly positive response to our Phase 1 remote 1:1 Pastoral Review calls that have taken place this week, I am delighted to outline for you below the details of our Phase 2 face-to-face support for week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Over the coming weeks, every Year 10 student will have the opportunity to access some face-to-face support to supplement their remote learning. In addition, we will be providing further structured support for students who have been identified through our Pastoral Review as requiring additional support from either a well-being or academic perspective.

This daily-targeted programme is to be implemented from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June with a rolling programme of timetabled sessions across the week for the remainder of this term. These students and families have been contacted directly with arrangements and guidance related to this. This programme of support will be reviewed regularly and be expanded upon where possible, keeping in line with DfE guidance.

As outlined by the Department for Education, we are only allowed to accommodate 25% of the year group on any given day and we have structured the face-face support with our Pastoral Team and students grouped via their House and Form group. The details for the timings of these sessions is outlined below:

|                   | Wednesday<br>24 <sup>th</sup> June | Thursday<br>25 <sup>th</sup> June | Friday<br>26 <sup>th</sup> June | Monday<br>29 <sup>th</sup> June | Tuesday<br>30 <sup>th</sup> June | Wednesday<br>1 <sup>st</sup> July |
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| Group 1 8:30-11am | 10NW                               | 10AS                              | 10PD                            | 10TH                            | 10SE                             | 10BH                              |
| Group 2 12-2:30pm | 10NN                               | 10AC                              | 10PH                            | 10TG                            | 10SJ                             | 10BK                              |

On the above timetabled days and times, **students are to be in full school uniform with a pen / pencil** and enter the school site via the green gates on the rear yard between LiveWire and the Omega Teaching Centre. Members of SLT will be on duty in their bright orange jackets and directing students to their Pods, explained below, whilst ensuring that social distancing is maintained.

A bottle of water and a snack will be provided for each student, as our usual catering service is restricted and water fountains disabled in line with Health & Safety guidance.

To uphold Health & Safety guidelines on social distancing and group size per classroom, students have been allocated into working Pods to reduce the risk of potential cross-contamination. Details of your child's Pod, alongside other updates on our procedures in school, will be emailed to your child on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Understandably, if your child is displaying any of the symptoms outlined by Public Health related to COVID-19, they are not to attend school.

Whilst we are aware of some schools who are 'sheep dipping' their students once a week through core subject 'lessons', some of which are delivered by non-specialists in that subject area, we believe our combined approach of face-to-face support, additional targeted support offer for those most in need and robust remote learning provides a more balanced and meaningful approach.

We understand some of the concerns raised by parents surrounding the urgency for students to return to a resemblance of normality and the routine of education. We are equally as keen to have students return to school on a wider scale, however, we must adhere to the guidance provided and ensure that this return keeps the continued safety and well-being of students, staff and their families as an absolute priority.



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From feedback this week, we understand that some students may now be finding the workload overbearing and we have asked our subject areas to consider this when setting work in addition to the *Live Lectures*. The timetable for the upcoming *Live Lectures* is below and we would value your continued feedback on these, as well as our Google Classroom.

|          | Monday 22nd June | Tuesday 23rd June | Wednesday 24th<br>June | Thursday 25th June | Friday 26th June |
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| 9.30 am  | Yr 10 Geography  | Yr 10 Statistics  | Yr 10 Biology          | Yr 10 Chemistry    | Yr 10 English    |
| 10.30 am | Yr 10 Maths A    | Yr 10 History     | Yr 10 Psychology       | Yr 10 German       | Yr 10 French     |
| 11.30 am | Yr 10 Maths B    | Yr 10 Physics     | Yr 10 Maths B          | Yr 10 Maths A      | Yr 10 Spanish    |

Following the implementation of our Phase 2 face-to-face support, further targeted support will be provided for our Year 10 students and we will update you on the next steps on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 10 students who can attend back into school from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and support those who are unable to attend remotely. As always, thank you for your continued patience, understanding and support during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Paul Masher Deputy Headteacher