



Dear Parent / Carer of Year 10 students,

Further to my last letter, which highlighted that we would write to you by Monday 29th June to update you on our next steps following our positive face-to-face pastoral sessions, I am delighted to provide you with the following update.

Welcoming our Year 10 students back in to school this week has been absolutely fantastic! We have had increased numbers of targeted students on site accessing additional support with the Google Classroom and it was an emotional moment when we welcomed our first Form back on to site. I have to say, I had a beaming smile on my face seeing them walk into school in their uniform and taking their first steps back to a sense of normality. We would have been delighted to welcome back additional numbers but are, understandably, observing the 25% year group limit and safety expectations of the DFE.

We outlined to the students that our absolute priority is their well-being and, whilst we would be supporting their academic position, we wanted them to feel comfortable re-orientating themselves back in to school after such a long absence. The Pods followed a rota of activities with members of their House Team, including a chance to access an academic review action plan on Google Classroom that will help us tailor individual support for each student from September.

The feedback from most students was that their favourite part of the day was having a tour of the school site and seeing the brand new science block, sports hall and individual toilet developments. The students were very impressed and it seemed to whet their appetite to be back in and make the most of the fantastic facilities available to them. During these sessions we took time to share our next steps with Year 10 students and asked them for their feedback to ensure they continue to feel well supported.

Upon completion of our Phase 2 Pastoral Support Programme on Wednesday 1st July, we will be increasing our targeted Year 10 Google group accessing daily on-site support from Thursday 2nd July to the last week of the summer term and our Phase 3 plan will start on Monday 6th July, with students working in their current Pods, based on the timetable below:

	Monday 6th July	Tuesday 7th July	Wednesday 8th July	Thursday 9th July	Friday 10th July	Monday 13th July
Group 1 8:30-11am	10NW	10TH	10SE	10AS	10PD	10BH
Group 2 12-2:30pm	10NN	10TG	10SJ	10AC	10PH	10BK

We understand that many students and parents will be worried about the impact of school closures, especially for Year 10 with crucial GCSE examinations on the horizon. Be rest assured, we are preparing a comprehensive support plan to ensure that students are supported and fully prepared for their exams in 2021 and the foundations for this will be set out during our Phase 3 of face-to-face support sessions for our Year 10 students.

Phase 3 will be a blend of pastoral and academic support sessions where students will be provided with intervention booklets that are for completion over the final weeks of summer term. The booklets are a summary of the key areas that have been delivered over the lockdown period and aim to help students review and consolidate the learning that has taken place remotely. Booklets will cover English Language, English Literature, Maths, Science, RS, History and Geography and we ask that students complete and return these booklets in September at the start of Year 11.



Subject staff will then review these, alongside the previously mentioned academic review action plans, and tailor their lesson delivery and intervention plans accordingly. Furthermore, in the week beginning the 21st September some baseline assessments will take place to identify any knowledge gaps students have and better inform staff and students in the lead up to Year 11 mock examinations in December. These assessments will also play a key role in learning recovery programme.

Once we return fully in September, we will be publishing our Year 11 support programme for each subject, with additional intervention and booster sessions planned to take place, after school, at weekends and across half-term holidays.

As we enter the final stages of the term, however, our staff will continue to set work within Google classroom alongside our Live Lecture schedule. As previously mentioned, all Live Lectures are recorded and placed into the Google classroom should a child be unable to participate at the scheduled time. The schedule for the week beginning 29th June is outlined below.

	Monday 29th June	Tuesday 30th June	Wednesday 1st July	Thursday 2nd July	Friday 3rd July
9.30 am	Geography	Statistics	Biology	Chemistry	English
10.30 am	Mathematics A	History	Psychology	German	French
11.30 am	Mathematics B	Physics	Mathematics B	Mathematics A	Spanish

We look forward to supporting our Year 10 students throughout Phase 3 of our face-to-face support programme and thank you for your continued support. As always, we value your feedback, and if you have any concerns or queries that you wish to discuss directly, please do not hesitate to contact us at school as we are here to support you in supporting your child.

Yours sincerely,



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