

Dear Parents,

Following the changes to the government's guidelines on pupils in school, and Year ten returning for some "face to face" contact before the summer holiday period, we are writing to you to share our plans to facilitate this over the next few weeks. The past few months have been a very difficult and challenging period for everyone both inside and out of the education system, but we hope that this will provide our students with a way forward, and pathway to reintegration as they move into their final year of school and the GCSEs. This will include changes to provision both in and out of school, and are detailed below.

Plans for time in school:

1. Year 10 will return to school from the 15th of June, and will be divided up into 'bubbles' of no more than pupils
Pupils will come into school one day a week and will have three 45min sessions (English, Maths, and Science). Each 'bubble' has their own classroom and assigned seat, appropriately distanced from others. The pupils will remain in their classroom and staff will rotate to the different rooms. It is important for pupils to understand that they must stay in the same place for the duration of their time in school, and follow guidelines explicitly, due to the nature of the current situation and the issues regarding potential infection.
2. Pupils will be expected to arrive in school, via the Hewitt Road entrance nearest Sunbeams nursery from 9am, for a 9:15 start, and then finish at 11:30. They will also leave the building through the Hewitt Road gates.
3. Pupils will not need to bring any equipment from home. All resources will be supplied for the pupils, and any work completed will stay at school until such time that it is appropriate to take it away.
4. This will be run over a period of two weeks, whereupon we will look to adapt and change plans as necessary, with the possibility of extending time in school where appropriate.
5. Pupils will not be able to use the school bike shed, so if they are riding into school, they will need to leave their bikes outside of the school gates.
6. Pupils need to be in full school uniform (no blazers required as we are in hot weather protocol)

Plans for time outside of school:

Over the last few months, a very large amount of resources have been made available via the school's online platforms to enable pupils to carry on with their studies at home and enable them to not miss out wherever possible. Many students have been very active and engaged in this process and worked diligently to ensure that they are not falling behind over this difficult

period. This work will remain available to the pupils over the summer, to enable them to continue working and/ or catching up on any aspects of it that they may have missed out on so far, and we would encourage them to do so. However, we would also like to build on the time pupils will be spending back in school by starting to offer online sessions during the week.

1. Sessions will run for 30 minutes, following pupils' in school session. An email invite will be sent, informing them of the day and time of the session. Instructions for how to logon and use the platform will be sent as well.
2. Pupils will be muted for the sessions, but have the option to unmute and contribute where appropriate or directed by the teacher. Cameras will also remain off for the sessions as well. The teacher will lead pupils through a directed/ guided task, as appropriate for them and the class.
3. We would encourage pupils to treat these sessions in the same way that they would a normal lesson, and adhere to appropriate behaviour at all times. Should pupils be unable to adhere to this, they will be removed from the online group for the session.

This is the first time Mayfield has looked to run this kind of session, and it is very much a trial stage at the moment, but we hope that it will be a very positive step forward. Therefore, we would ask that pupils and parents allow us the time over the next two weeks to ensure that the sessions run effectively, and any issues that arise are managed and dealt with to ensure that we are able to facilitate the sessions in a way that is of maximum benefit to students now and moving into the future.

As part of the year 10 provision the school is required to provide certain information to the Department for Education. We would be very grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete an online form: <https://forms.gle/3XPTgPPbDSr5VTURA>

We understand that this is a big change in relation to the past few months, so if you have any questions regarding any aspects of the plans for in school or online learning, please contact: year10f2f@mayfield.portsmouth.sch.uk and we will be happy to discuss any aspect of this with you.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 10 Bubble Team

'Our only limitation is our ambition'

Headteacher Mr. David Jeapes

