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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 students.

## Academic Review Consultations for Year 10 students.

You will be aware that there have been discussions with the Department for Education regarding the re-opening of schools. Currently we are planning to continue working with students through TEAMS and planning to offer Academic Review Consultations for Year 10 but this is subject to any changes that are announced by the government.

The schools in the Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust have been working closely together throughout this lockdown period and continue to plan together to meet the challenge of ensuring students continue to make progress in their learning.

We hope to be in a position to set out plans for Year 10 to have Academic Review Consultations from 8<sup>th</sup> June. Each Year 10 student will be allocated a member of staff to meet with their parents, in order to discuss their progress and concerns since the lockdown began on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The aim of these consultations is to have the face to face contact with a member of staff to ensure the students are ready to return prepared for Year 11.

We will continue to remain closed except for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. Unless further changes are announced, online lessons will continue for all students and in order for your child(ren) to maintain a suitable pace of learning, it is essential they engage and keep in contact with their teachers through Teams and complete assignments in good time.

We will, of course, ensure social distancing is in place and we will maintain a suitable and safe environment for both the students and staff. We would ask you to support us in mitigating the risks to all staff, students and parents by practising social distancing at all times. Please do not attend if you are self-isolating.

Finally, as more and more of the economy starts to re-open and many of you will be returning to work, I must remind you that the guidance has not changed so we will remain open only for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. If you do fall into that category and you would like your child to attend school please help us with planning, health and safety and catering by emailing us at least 48 hours in advance.

We are determined to be able to use every opportunity that we can to support the students through this time of uncertainty and secure their future plans. As soon as there is any clarity we will be in touch to clarify further arrangements.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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