

Week ending: 5th June 2020

Welcome to this week's parent and student weekly bulletin at the start of term 6. I hope that you were able to enjoy the great weather over the half-term break. During this term across all of year groups from 7-10 and 12 there will be a slightly different feel to the learning that we are providing. This is to both reflect the expectations from the Government as we move towards an easing of lockdown but also the evolving needs of our learners and to best prepare for what September and the new academic year might look like.

As always, the safety of students and staff, both on site and virtually is our starting point. As we move closer towards the dates for these changes to take place we will provide you with more detailed and specific guidance.

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Year 10 Phase 1

On 3rd, 5th or 8th June we have invited into school all Year 10 students and their parents for a Parent/Tutor meeting where we can discuss how everyone is doing, the work that has been completed across their subjects and what further support or guidance we can provide.

It has been great to see our Year 10s and to have some really productive conversations.

Year 10 Phase 2

We are currently planning the logistics of how we will fulfil the requirements to safely have Year 10 back on site, 25% of the year group at a time. Currently we are aiming that between 22 June - 17 July, the end of the academic year we will have 25% of the year group on site across Mon-Thurs. Within this 25% students will be sub divided into teaching groups with a maximum of 10 per group. Each of these groups will remain in a designated classroom and will have the following lessons during their day; Maths, English, Science, an option subject, a tutor session. The relevant teachers will come to their classroom where they will deliver a regular lesson. Across the whole time frame each Year 10 would have 4 full days of classroom teaching on site.

Year 12

Since 1st June every Year 12 subject has delivered a virtual lesson through Microsoft Teams to their students. This has proved really positive, both in terms of the number of students who have logged on and the feedback that we have received from parents and students.

We are planning to have a Parent/Tutor event, similar to that which we have had with Year 10 at the end of June. Ms Johnson will share further details with the Year 12 students when this has been finalised.

Years 7-9

There are currently no plans for these year groups to be back on-site before the end of the academic year. However, we are reviewing the Class Charts diet which the students in these year groups receives and there will be some noticeable changes.

As well as a slightly different and a little more flexible format to the way in which the work for these year groups is set on Class Charts we will provide a summary report for each student's engagement and progress across the lock-down period. These will be available between now and 17th July, depending on the year group. Also, within these next 6 weeks each subject will produce 2 pre-recorded lessons at key, specific points in the scheme of learning. Students will be able to watch these lessons and then interact with the teacher about that lesson. More specific details will be sent out over this coming week about all of the above for Year 7-9.