



1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware that the guidance for secondary schools was released last Monday. It says that from 15<sup>th</sup> June we should;

“..provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 pupils, with a clear expectation that remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups and that this should be of high quality”

And

“..schools have the flexibility to implement face-to-face support for year 10 and year 12 pupils in the way that best suits their circumstances, including considerations around staff availability and workload. It is up to schools to decide how they want to use face-to-face support in the best interests of their pupils e.g. additional pastoral support, academic support, practical support, or a combination of these.”

I sent out a survey to parents of year 10 students last week. I am very grateful for the high number of responses that we have had (86). I am guided by your views that the greatest majority “prefer that we concentrate all our efforts on improving home school work and on meeting students individually?” and that nearly half would feel “it is not safe to send their child to school.”

We want to focus our efforts on the action which will have the greatest positive impact.

As a school community we have had three tragic deaths from Covid-19, each a parent of a current student. It would be potentially disastrous for us to open more widely if that put students, staff, families or the wider community in jeopardy.

It has been placed in the hands of individual Headteachers to decide if it is safe to return students to lessons in school. I am not convinced that this is the case.

As a result of these factors we will not be holding scheduled lessons for year 10 on site this term. We will put all our efforts into the remote learning offered to students and to individual support for those who need it. Those who are unable to complete work at home may be asked to come into school to do this in a supervised, socially distanced room. Year 12 will have a seminar session in each of their subjects weekly. Mostly these will be online but a small number may be on the school site.

To this end, and to ensure our year 11 grading is complete, we will have an INSET day this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June (in place of 22<sup>nd</sup> June). We will use the progress review today and tomorrow to reward students who are working well and target support to those who are struggling.

For years 10 and 12 more work will be set through Microsoft Teams. Mr Pittaway has sent through guides on logging into teams and we would urge every student to ensure they do this to access their work.



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We have a schedule for work to be completed by year 10 and the schedule for year 12 seminars below;

Day/session	Y10 session 1	Y10 session 2	Y10 session 3	Y12 seminar
Monday	English	Maths	Option A	Option B
Tuesday	Science	English	Option B	Option D
Wednesday	Maths	Science	Option C	Option C
Thursday	English	Maths	Option D	Option A
Friday	Science	PE (exercise)	Option E	Option E

The option subject is indicated on the student's timetable on go4schools (you may need to scroll back to when there were lessons in March). So 12B/IT means that in option B the year 12 student studies IT. So they would have a seminar for IT on a Monday through Teams or in another way (your teacher will let you know but email them if you are not sure), for the year 10 group 10D/Ge1 they have Geography in option D so would need to complete Geography work on a Thursday.

Our intention is to make the online learning experience increasingly effective and to support those who need it to work well at home.

It is extremely disappointing for me not to be able to open more widely but we must put the safety of the whole school community first. I hope that we can return to normal as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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