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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May the Government announced that from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils would be returning to school and that secondary schools should look to provide face-to-face support to students in Year 10 and Year 12. Shortly after this announcement the Department for Education released guidance to primary schools on what this would entail. Unfortunately, secondary schools are yet to receive any further guidance on how 'face-to-face support' will work in practice and be delivered safely. As half term is upon us, we feel we cannot wait any longer to share our thoughts and plans with you for provision after half term. Please be aware that when the secondary guidance is released, these plans may need to change in accordance with government announcements and advice.

In summary, we will be continuing to follow our distance learning strategy for Year 9 and using Show My Homework and Google Classrooms. Year 9 students have been sent confirmation of their September 2020 options choices this morning and should now only focus on completing their option subjects work during school closure, as well as their English, Maths and Science. For our Year 11 students, we continue to encourage them to complete MOOCs, access resources on the Sixth Form learning platform (details were emailed by Mr Huckle to all year 11s) and complete wider reading around their subjects. For our Year 10s and 12s we will be offering 'face to face support' remotely by running an online academic review fortnight. The details regarding this event will be sent separately. From the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, we are planning to invite our Year 12s back into the academy for some lessons. Also, in that week we will roll out an online live lesson timetable for all Year 10 across the core and options subjects. Further details regarding changes to the Year 12 and Year 10 distance learning strategy will be sent after half term, along with details of our social distancing measures.

Can we please offer our thanks and appreciation one more time to each and every one of you. We fully appreciate your efforts and support and know you have been doing your absolute best to support your child, whilst continuing to juggle a household and your own commitments. Attached you will find a poster detailing the actions we have taken as a result of the questionnaire sent out. Your feedback was incredibly helpful - so thank you for taking the time to complete this.

The academy will not be setting any work over the half term. Instead, we want to encourage our students to take a break, reflect and enjoy the weather. We are still in times of uncertainty and as and when we hear anything this will be communicated to you.

Please continue to stay safe and contact us if you need guidance and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Martin, Mr Butler and Mrs Linehan

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