

26th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 10 Partial Opening Update

Thank you for your support and hard work during these unprecedented times. The last 9 weeks have been extremely difficult for us all and I'm sure ensuring home schooling standards and expectations has had its challenges.

Following on from the recent government announcement about secondary schools offering some face-to-face support to students, we have worked on putting a provision offer together for Year 10. Throughout our planning phase, we have kept 2 key drivers to the forefront of our mind:

1. The obligation to ensure the safety of students, parents and staff
2. A commitment to the welfare and wellbeing of pupils and staff

From Monday 15th June, Year 10 students will return to the academy in small groups, on a timetabled basis from 8.30am to 11.30am. Students will be timetabled into 4 groups of 8 students (no more than 32 in on any one day) and will receive the following provision of education over the final 5 weeks of term:

Phase 1:

- Wellbeing & Academic Progress
- English
- Option 2

Phase 2:

- Wellbeing & Academic Progress
- Maths
- Option 3

Phase 3:

- Wellbeing & Academic Progress
- Science
- Humanities

Phase 4:

- Wellbeing & Academic Progress
- MFL

To clarify, your son/daughter will be in the academy for up to 3 hours on one day during each phase.

We have put a range of health and safety measures in place to support a safe return to the academy; I have highlighted some of the key ones below. A health and safety video will also be produced and shared with you so that you can see for yourself how we intend to implement social distancing effectively:

- A detailed risk assessment has been produced and submitted to the Trust
- Social distancing markers are in place across the academy
- The academy has been deep cleaned and a cleaning team will be working daily to ensure high standards are adhered to
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are now in place in every classroom
- Only 32 Year 10 students will be in the building at one time. Students will be divided into groups of no larger than 8. They will only be in a classroom with 7 other students and will not have any opportunity to mix with other students whilst in the building
- Students will have different start times to limit contact with other groups of students
- A snack and water will be brought to the classroom at break time. There will be no opportunity to socialise with other students. Lunch will not be provided.
- Students are not required to wear their school uniform to support with daily washing of clothing
- Resources will be provided so students will not be required to bring any books or stationery.

Now that you are aware of the provision on offer, I would like you to complete the short questionnaire below (by Monday 1st June) and from there, you will receive a further letter from me, identifying the dates and times that your son/daughter will need to be in the academy over the final 5 weeks.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UN9psdDQekqOFI-2h9eJT8IOgkRR7RNBiNyaTpVFZMVUME5KTFdUMU9QUU43SzEyMU9SMkZZUjBORy4u>

'Home Learning' will be continuing throughout this period and we have also increased the amount of live and recorded lessons that we are offering. I'm pleased to say that all subjects are now in a place to offer these and they will be a strong addition to what is taking place in school.

A huge thank you for your support during this time and if you have any questions or queries regarding either the planned provision or recorded/live lessons, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Fitzgibbon
Principal