



26th June 2020

Dear Parents, carers and students,

I trust that you remain fit and well. This has been another significant and symbolic week for us as we started delivering face to face lessons to Year 10 in English, maths and Science. As ever, it was great to see them in school.

This has also been big week of government announcements and I am sure we were all delighted and relieved to hear the Prime Minister say schools will return in September "with full attendance". I think we are all now familiar with the process whereby a big announcement is made and then we all have to await the finer detail. That is certainly going to be the case regarding how schools will operate in September. But in the meantime, the Department for Education are also saying that where it is safe "we continue to encourage schools to bring back more of their pupils if they can, in line with the measures that we have set out." The Department are going to issue more guidance next week. Clearly, we don't know what it will say, but that doesn't mean we can't contingency plan. And we are keen-subject to all the safety measures, to bring back more students from Years 7, 8 & 9 where we safely can before the end of term, something we are uniquely placed to do because we are a split site school. However, if we do bring in more students from Years 7 ,8 & 9 we must still:

- Deliver a quality, on-line curriculum to all students
- Provide support for the children of Key Workers and those who are vulnerable
- Provide face to face teaching for Y10 students

So, here's what we want to do over the last two weeks of term if the guidance lets us:

- **We want to offer small group, face to face review sessions, lasting one hour for students in Years 7, 8 or 9**

The session will essentially be a one-off session that will cover two main areas: reflections on lockdown and how best to prepare for September. Potentially each session will be led by a senior member of staff, subject at all times to social distancing and hygiene routines.

To assist us in our planning and before we address any wider queries or concerns, we want to be clear that this is actually an offer you want to take up. Therefore, please can you complete a survey by clicking this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ks3reviewsessions>

Here you will be asked some basic details and this simple question: **"If available, I would definitely take up this review opportunity. Yes/No"** If, however, you don't feel a need for a face to face meeting, then the discussion material will be available online as well.

Please can you complete this by 5.00 pm on Tuesday 30th June. After this survey has been completed will we be able assess the viability of the offer and then provide you with more information and how to contact us if you have any queries.

Finally, because we must still follow Government advice we recognise the relatively limited nature of this offer but firmly believe it will be of benefit to many of our students and hope you do too. Take care, remember to complete the survey and as ever, stay safe. The video version of this is here: <https://youtu.be/eK-wvVSMQFo> .

Regards

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