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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that you have had good half term break. In light of updated government guidance over the break, I wanted to set out our plans for this half term.

The half term has started well with year 10 and 12 students completing online training in preparation for additional live online learning that will start next week. We have been very impressed with the uptake and participation by students in this training.

Next week (**Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June**) Year 10 and 12 students will have an online timetable, they need to attend all these sessions as they will complement and support their online learning. Mrs Todd and Mrs Bradbury will send you details of the timetable.

Next week (**Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June**) we will also be running online training for all students in Years 7, 8 and 9. This is to prepare your son / daughter for some additional live online learning that will take place from June 15<sup>th</sup>. The options process and taster lessons will also take place online for year 9 this year.

### To access this vital training your son / daughter will need to:

- Download the Microsoft Office, Microsoft Teams and One Note apps onto the device that they are using for school work. This could be a PC, laptop, tablet or mobile phone.
- Log onto their school email address – the log in details are the same as their username and password used to log onto the school system.
- Before the end of this week they will receive an invitation to their online session. They should RSVP 'accept' for this lesson.
- At their year group's designated time students need to click onto the link in their calendar and **click join**.

### ALL TRAINING WILL BE ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Year 7 - 9.30am

Year 8 - 10.30am

Year 9 - 11.30am

The majority of our students continue to work exceptionally hard using the resources provided by their teachers, both on our school website and directly via email. Staff have been overwhelmed with emails of completed work to mark and questions from our students about next steps. **This system of setting work will therefore continue throughout the term.**





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## **From Week Commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**Year 7 and 9 students** will also be invited to a variety of live online lessons. These will assist students to understand difficult concepts, facilitate more natural questioning and discussion and enable teachers to explain more challenging ideas to students. These online sessions will be run through Microsoft Teams.

A full timetable will be sent home next week.

**Years 10 and 12 students**, in addition to their online timetable will have a timetable of face to face learning in line with the government guidance.

A full risk assessment has been carried out and we will be following all government guidance. Mrs Todd and Mrs Bradbury will write home providing the details of the face to face provision.

The Year 10 students have been split into four groups. Each group will attend on one day in line with guidance. Face to face lessons will be in CORE subjects, English, Maths, Science and RE alongside small groups and individual pastoral support from our Student Support Officers and Head of Year.

The guidance states that 'pupils who would particularly benefit from more face-to-face support ... may attend more frequently than others as long as schools ensure that only a quarter of the cohort are in school at any one time.' Therefore, on Wednesdays we will be inviting 25% of our Year 10 students into school for a second day including those who are not accessing online learning consistently.

## **Beyond the 15<sup>th</sup> June**

We still await further government guidance for other year groups and for September. At this stage Years 7-9 will continue with their online learning and live online lessons. It is vital that student engage with this learning, complete work and attend live online lessons.

Should you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact your Head of Year via email or the main school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Rayner  
Headteacher

