

30 June 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Years 7-9 - Provision**

As more information comes to light in these unprecedented times, there is an increasing flexibility for schools to offer provision to students on site as long as it is safe to do so. We are also able to offer more staff the opportunity to work onsite and access the equipment needed to deliver interactive lessons. We are, however, still limited by the 25% of a cohort rule being in school at any one time with no split rotas on a day, but as a result of recent announcements, we are going to offer some face to face contact for students in Years 7-9. As a result of this increased flexibility we are looking to provide a different experience for students in Years 7-9 for the last two full weeks of term.

In the week commencing 6 July we will be offering some live lessons via Zoom to allow teachers to consolidate content that should have been learned over the period of lockdown. This will help students complete their personal learning checklists which are explained further down this letter. I will be writing to you on Friday to explain the rules and processes for this process and also with invites for their scheduled lessons. It is important that students ensure they are free next week to allow them to attend timetabled lessons. These may not be with their class teacher but will be with a specialist. It is important to note that there has been a lot of positive feedback regarding the work set already and streaming of live lessons does not replace the experience of being taught in school. Due to the social distancing requirements for Year 10 & 12 and key worker provision on site we are having to deploy more teachers than we would normally meaning that the group sizes will be larger than a normal class in these 'live' lessons.

In the week commencing 13 July we are going to assign an allocated time for each student to come in and speak with their tutor or another teacher about how they have managed during the lockdown period and review the work that they have completed to allow us to plan in more detail for September. We expect each session to be a maximum 30 minutes long and will allow the student and staff member to explore how the student is feeling, how they feel about returning to school and where any gaps in knowledge may have occurred.

For this to be effective, we will be asking students to complete an interactive Personal Learning Checklist in the week commencing 6 July for their subjects. This will feed into our planning for next year and also allow the conversations being facilitated the following week to be meaningful.

To enable us to plan safely, please can I ask that you complete the following questionnaire by 12pm on Friday 3 July indicating if your child will be attending the onsite 1to1 session:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPSBSW6>

Your child's temperature will be taken when they arrive at school and they will be asked to wash their hands. In addition, whilst on the school site they will be expected to maintain the social distancing rules which are in place and clearly marked and follow staff instructions at all times. Once you have filled in this questionnaire, we will be unable to allow a change to your preference.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Gibson  
Headteacher