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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope that you are well and enjoying some of the new freedoms that the government has given us. In my letter to you last week I mentioned the possibility of Year 10 and 12 students having 'face to face support' at some point next term. We are still waiting for further guidance from the government about the re-opening of secondary schools, however, we have made some provisional plans for Year 10 as follows:

Year 10 A side

16 June: Maths

30 June: English

14 July: Science

Year 10 B side

18 June: Science

2 July: Maths

16 July: English

These days will be an opportunity to have four hours of small-group teaching in each of English, maths and science. This will enable teachers to check understanding of what has been covered in home-learning, explain concepts and introduce new content amongst other things. The two week gap between sessions in school is for health and safety reasons and allows us to form a different teaching group for each of their subjects, possibly in their normal classes with their usual Year 10 teacher. We are currently very limited in what we can offer due to restrictions in place, however, we do believe that these days will add real value to what students are doing at home.

This is all dependant on what happens over the coming weeks but we are excited to at least be planning some time in school for students. There is much to get ready and after half-term we will update you with the detail of the days as well as how we will minimise risk, maintain social distancing, and ensure that all involved are kept safe.

It will be really helpful if you could indicate by filling in the form on the link below whether or not your child would wish to attend these sessions. This is to help with our planning and not set in stone.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeF2-p-8yZA836bsj\\_nyVj8UvanflmAPBaLEmZrZpbbBd66iQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeF2-p-8yZA836bsj_nyVj8UvanflmAPBaLEmZrZpbbBd66iQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

These sessions will form only a small part of the learning that your child will do next term; the vast majority will be done at home. We have been reviewing how it has all been going from the perspectives of both students and staff and Karen John will send you an update tomorrow.

Life in school remains unnaturally quiet. We continue to have around 15 children in every day and they keep the spirit of school alive in some small way. I hope that as time passes we can start imagining a school full of 1450 students once again. Please keep well and don't hesitate to get in touch if you wish to discuss anything.

Yours faithfully



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