



Wednesday 10 June 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are now in the position to confirm with you the arrangements for the Post 16 face-to-face provision for the week beginning Monday 15 June 2020. The government indicated secondary schools should provide an increase in face to face contact with their teachers, and we have responded in order to increase support as they approach their final academic year.

As a reminder, students studying two year courses in Year 12 (such as A Levels or two year vocational courses) are being offered a 1-hour face-to-face session for each of their subjects, once a week on a Friday. This offer also applies to students in Year 13 who will be returning to Year 14 in September to complete the second year of a course. However, it **does not** apply to Level 2 courses (GCSE English/Maths resits, Level 2 Retail / Sport / Childcare) as these courses are all one year programmes and have now finished, with grades being generated through the Centre Assessment Grades process we have outlined in previous correspondence.

These face-to-face sessions are in addition to the home learning provision which has continued since the partial school closure and the full virtual lessons which some subjects are beginning next week. We are looking to roll out further virtual lessons in the next fortnight to support those students unable to return to school.

The vast majority of our year 12 classes are small (with only four P16 classes having more than 10 students) allowing for adequate social distancing within lessons. For our larger classes, we have split the groups in half to avoid exceeding the recommended number of students in the classrooms. Details of the Post 16 timetable, timings and entry point is attached on the enclosed infographics, along with how they will move around the building and our expectations.

Their teachers will meet them each week in their designated rooms in Block 3, rather than moving around the building. Post 16 students will abide by the standard Post 16 dress code, which includes wearing their tie. The Post 16 common room and normal Post 16 study room will be closed but students with a study lesson between timetabled lessons will have access to a socially distanced computer room. Students are requested to bring in their own school equipment and may also bring a snack and drink if they wish to. Post 16 students can use their personal lockers but there must not be any sharing of lockers

If your child/children are unwell, please follow the same procedure as before; call us on 01733 765950 and leave an absence message prior to 8.45 am on the day they were timetabled to attend. However, if any member of your household has a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss of/change to their sense of smell or taste, then please do not send your child/children to school and let us know immediately. There is further guidance for these symptoms on the following websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> & <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We are looking forward to when normality returns, however, I am increasingly aware that this may be some time away yet. In the meantime, we are working hard to ensure that we focus on the health, safety and well-being of our whole school community, supporting learning and welfare and mirroring the practice of schools locally, regionally and nationally to achieve these aspects. We look forward to welcoming our Post 16 students back next Friday.

Your sincerely

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Principal

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