

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

**Subject: Extension of current provision**

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to update you about how the first phase of a return to school has gone, and let you know about some extension of this provision.

I am pleased to say that the first week back for Year 10 and 12 students went very well. As you know, government guidance currently limits us to having only one quarter of Year 10 and 12 students in school at any one time. We have been able to give students some time in small groups with their class teachers to receive some reassurance, guidance and support for their study. 90% of students attended in the first week of this programme. It was fantastic to welcome students back.

Year 12

The current programme runs until 3 July. We do not yet know what further provision we may be able to offer Year 12 in the last 9 days of term. Our hope is that the government ease restrictions and we are able to accommodate more than one quarter of Year 12 at a time. We will let you know more when we have guidance on this.

Year 10

**We will be extending the Year 10 provision for a further fortnight from 29 June to 9 July.** Students will attend on the **same day** each week as they have for the first fortnight. The timings of the day will be the same (9.30 – 2.00). The tutorials during this fortnight will be in **English, Maths and Science**.

During this fortnight, we will also begin to offer online tutorials for Year 10 in their option subjects. These will take place on a Friday when no Year 10 students are in school.

This extended provision takes us up to 9 July, one week before the end of term.

Targeted Year 7 to 9 provision

Government guidance has been updated to allow secondary schools to bring in some younger students in the final weeks of term. However, we are not allowed to exceed the limit on student numbers, so can only bring in other students at the expense of Year 10 and 12. This means that there is not enough time to bring in all students in Key Stage 3, which would have been our preference.



We do have some capacity each Friday as only Year 12 are in school on this day each week. Therefore, we have made the decision to use this capacity to bring in certain Year 9, 8 and 7 students for supervised study and support on Friday 26 June, 3 July and 10 July respectively. This will be by invitation only. We will be targeting students whom we know have found remote learning particularly challenging e.g. due to limited access to technology.

We will be contacting parents individually over the coming days where we are able to offer this provision.

For other KS3 students, tutors will be making phone calls over the coming weeks to check in on students whom we have not directly spoken to recently. This is just to ask them how they are getting on and see what else we can do to support them.

#### Childcare

We continue to offer a childcare service for vulnerable children and children of keys workers. This provision will not continue through the summer holidays.

#### What next?

I shall write to you again soon with more information about the end of term, the summer and provisional plans for September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Evans', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Evans  
Headteacher