

22nd May 2020

Dear Families,

As you will be aware from my previous correspondence, the Government have announced their intention for secondary schools to provide “some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and Year 12 students who are due to take key exams next year”.

Whilst we have undertaken rigorous planning and risk assessment for any partial re-opening for Year 10 and Year 12 students, we are currently still waiting for further guidance that we had hoped to receive earlier this week and we understand that there will be additional scientific guidance published later on today. In addition to this guidance for schools, the Government may not make the final decision about a phased return until Thursday 28th May and with this in mind, we have decided that we will not be in a position to reopen for these year groups until the week beginning 8th June at the earliest.

We know that many of you will be anxious about what next term may bring for some year groups, in addition to the worry that some students may not return until September at the earliest. With this in mind, the staff have been contacting students for another catch up this week and we have had another excellent success rate with almost 90% of students in each year group having the opportunity to speak to a member of staff about how they are getting on. We will also be sending a questionnaire to families with children in Years 10 and/or 12 so that we can start to plan for the proposed phased re-opening.

Our current provision for the children of key workers and other key groups will continue whatever the decision is regarding the return of the year groups noted above and the school will remain open next week for a small number of children. However, as it is officially half term, students will not receive home learning during this break.

We are, however, pleased to confirm that we will be continuing our successful provision of community boxes with essential food for our families who need it most during these difficult times. Food is being provided by the [Dons Local Action Group](#) and [Fare Share](#) as well as donations from staff and families.

We are aware that circumstances for our families are changing on a weekly and sometimes daily basis. If at any time you feel you like to receive one of our boxes, please complete the following survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NWNWKTN>

The survey will remain open for the duration of the time we are able to provide the boxes.

We all really appreciate your continued support and effort at home with remote learning and I will provide a further update as soon as I am able to.

I hope that you continue to stay safe and are able to enjoy the sunny Bank Holiday.

Best regards,

K. Heard

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