

CSB/LFA

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Continuing to Learn from Home & Access for Year 10 and Year 12

As you will have seen, the government has announced that it hopes to allow Year 10 and Year 12 students to receive some element of face-to-face time with teachers during the second half of this term. This may begin as early as the week of 1<sup>st</sup> June.

This is very good news as it starts to bring students back to school in a safe and controlled manner which minimises the risk both to them, their families and to staff.

There is, however, currently no further update as to when any other secondary year groups will be able to return.

Before the school reopens to any students, we will make sure that we are fully prepared and can meet the hygiene and social distancing requirements that the government's scientists will expect of us.

I would like to thank everyone – staff, parents and students – for the ways in which we have united across the school in responding to the situation so far and have ensured that students have continued to learn from home. This has taken a great deal of time, effort, energy and patience on everyone's part, but we should be proud of what is being achieved.

We will, of course, be continuing to operate our learning from home programme until students return to school. It is vitally important that every student accesses this provision.

I know how hard parents are working in supporting your children to learn in this way but I would urge you please to carry on encouraging them to access the full programme. Most students are fully engaged with their online learning and we want every student to benefit from it. As a school, we will continue to do everything we can to make it as straightforward as possible for you and for them.



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For the time being, therefore, the school remains closed for all students other than those who are already aware that they are able to attend. If your child is eligible to attend and is not currently doing so, please do contact us so that we can discuss how best this can be arranged.

I will be keeping you all regularly updated on progress towards the re-opening of the school and will be contacting parents and students in Year 10 and Year 12 shortly to outline how they will begin to receive face-to-face time with their teachers.

All of us look forward to welcoming students back to school as soon as is safely possible. In the meantime, please keep safe and well and encourage your children to continue to participate in their online learning.

Yours faithfully

Miss C Bacon

Principal