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Dear Parents/Carers

Gradual re-opening of Central Academy for Years 10 and 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. We are therefore planning a phased return to school for Years 10 and 12 from 8th June.

The aim of opening in a phased manner, with some teaching for some year groups is to gradually bring students back to school in a safe and controlled manner which minimises the risk both to them, their families and to staff.

As I said in my previous letter to you, 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. Therefore, as part of the preparation for gradually returning to some face-to-face learning, we are going to open in three phases. This will allow us the time and flexibility to make changes to our plans, should government guidance or the national situation change.

Phase One – week beginning 8th June

Students and parents are invited into school for a well-being meeting with a senior member of staff. We know that the experiences of our students will have been very varied and sadly will, for some, include bereavement. It is important that we know how students are, discuss any concerns they have and look in detail at how we will be ensuring that students are safe while they return to learning at the Academy. All meetings will, of course be conducted under socially distanced conditions.

Phase Two – week beginning 15th June at the earliest

Half of the cohort (Group A) of Year 10 students attend school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for lessons in English, Maths and Science. The other half of the cohort (Group B) will continue to learn at home during this week, and will start face-to-face learning week beginning 22nd June, swapping with Group A.

We should be able to tell you which group your child is in and give out a personalised timetable to you when you come in to meet us as part of Phase One.

Year 12 will be in from 15th June following a personalised timetable.



Principal: Miss C Bacon

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Year groups and class groups will be kept separate as much as possible and arrival and exit times will be staggered.

Students will be taught in small groups (maximum of 15 in a group) in socially distanced classrooms. We know that whilst many students have worked very hard on the assignments they have been set since lockdown, there is no substitute for learning with a teacher to support learning! For now, we are not aiming to deliver a curriculum which is wholly 'taught'. Due to current restrictions, we will need to focus on 'mixed learning', which means input and teaching in class, followed by a larger than usual amount of independent work to compensate for fewer in-school lessons.

Phase Three – beginning 29th June (at the earliest) until the end of term

Year 10 students attend lessons from Monday to Friday, in the morning, in all subjects.

Year 12 students attend lessons from Monday to Friday, in the morning, in all subjects they are studying.

A questionnaire will be sent to you this week concerning your child's return to school. I would be very grateful if you could complete and return it so that we can start to book appointments with you.

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

I would like to thank you for the immense amount of work you have put in to supporting your children to learn at a distance, and I encourage you to continue with it for the time-being. If there are any issues with the programme or with access to it, please do let us know so that we can support you.

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.

With faithfully

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'C Bacon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miss C Bacon
Principal