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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Second Wave of 'Face-to-Face' Learning Contact with Yr12 Students

Firstly, may we offer our thanks to all of our students and families for their positive feedback on the first wave of 'face to face' learning sessions, which were successfully delivered in school last week.

Part of last week's provision enabled the opportunity to reflect on the learning and support which have been active across all aspects of Sixth Form life since school closed, including:

- Bespoke learning packages offered by departments
- Weekly pastoral briefings
- Phone calls home
- UCAS support

Design of Second Wave of 'Face-to-Face' Learning Support

In carefully considering the format of our second wave of 'face-to-face' learning support, we have drawn upon much feedback and evidence, including that offered by our students and staff, as well as respected educational research bodies, such as the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF). The common theme within such considerations was that students relished the opportunity to interact with their teachers, which provided a confident grounding for their subsequent independent work.

Consequently, after much careful deliberation, it has been decided that the second wave of 'face-to-face' learning support for Yr12 students will take a virtual format through which subject teachers will deliver bespoke learning experiences for their classes.

These learning experiences will take different forms and we have given autonomy to our Subject Leaders to decide which virtual platform to use to best complement students' learning within their subject area.

Students will shortly be receiving details from subjects as to the designated virtual learning which will be undertaken by the relevant departments.

The learning formats will range from, for example, 'live' lessons, recorded lessons (with the opportunity to submit pre-lesson questions), and Microsoft Teams learning conversations. Please be assured that all subject leaders will have carefully considered the best learning means for their particular department in order to maximise the best learning outcomes for their students.

Of course, this second wave of learning sessions will continue to be complementary to the regular learning packages assigned to students during this period. Indeed, departments are also currently in



the process of further enhancing their regular learning offer and, over the remaining weeks, students will be required to submit specified pieces of work in all subjects in preparation for Yr13.

As always if any student should have any questions, queries or concerns about their work then they can email their subject teachers who will get back to them as quickly as possible.

At the time of writing, the Government has signalled the broad intention for students to return to school in September, although we still await the precise guidance on the format this will take in school. However, please do be reassured that planning is already well underway across all departments to address the learning situation for Yr12 students. Subject Leaders will be using all of their experience and expertise to best support our Yr12 students once we are able to welcome them back to school on a regular basis. Of course, we will communicate our plans to you as soon as we can once we have received and responded to the awaited Government guidance.

Finally, in closing we would like to thank you once again for your support, encouragement, and understanding during this unprecedented period. We completely understand the crucial time approaching in the context of the lives of our Yr12 students: we are absolutely committed to achieving the best possible outcomes for everyone.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please liaise with Mr Bradley in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

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