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Dear Parent/Guardian

This letter is to inform you of the arrangements for Years 10 & 12 for the remainder of the term. However, before I do so I would like to once more thank you for your support during these unprecedented times. Continuing to deliver lessons to the extent we have is based upon fantastic IT infrastructure, a dedicated teaching body and wonderful students. I have continued to be impressed by the pastoral & welfare support as well as maintaining a virtual extra-curricular programme.

Now we are hopefully returning to normality, we have been instructed to invite Year 10 and 12 students back, although with some limitations. We are currently permitted to have 25% of the combined number of Year 10 & 12 students on site at any one time. Additionally, we may not have a 'change-over' over on any given day i.e. we cannot have one group of students in the morning and another in the afternoon. Finally, I must stress that what we offer is dictated by external agencies and we may be required to change or adapt our offer due to circumstances beyond our control. Please be assured that we will communicate with you should this happen.

This week (week commencing 15th June 2020), there are important assessments are useful practice for students at this time of year and help provide us with further information on the progress your child is making. Therefore, we will be inviting students from Years 10 & 12 back from the **week commencing 22nd June**. During that week we hope to see as many students as possible (whilst understanding the obvious constraints faced by borders).

Students will be assigned groups by Mr Mercer (Year 10) and Ms Simpson (Year 12). Furthermore, for the final two weeks of term (from the week commencing 29th June), we will be taking a far more targeted approach. We will offer sessions for students studying Art, Textiles and Photography because of the need to access equipment and other resources that are only available at school. Some other students will be invited in on an individual basis and Mr Mercer and Ms Simpson will contact these directly. Those students who are unable to attend will be contacted and supported via Teams.

In summary, I am really pleased that we will be able to see every student face-to-face, however the restrictions placed upon us are such that we cannot have all students in and must take a targeted approach. Online lessons will continue, as will some of the lovely events that go on at the end of term such as Sports Day & Speech Day, albeit virtually. I have attached an 'FAQ' sheet with further information, however please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely,

Philip Usher
Deputy Head