



Dear Year 12 students and parents/carers,

As we embark upon a half term break I would like to communicate a number of points as I am sure there are many issues being discussed at home regarding what may happen next half term. Firstly I would like to congratulate the students for the way in which they have managed to adapt to these challenging circumstances but still maintain their learning habits. We are acutely aware that these situations are not ideal for the style of learning, but students and teachers alike have done their best to manage the situation as best they can. Equally we are fully aware that not everybody's situation is the same and that some students have found this period very challenging.

I am sure you are aware and Mrs Moore has recently communicated, that we are looking at the feasibility of resuming some face-to-face teaching with two year groups. The government has indicated that this should be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> June but further guidance will be provided on 28<sup>th</sup> May. Thus many issues may still be subject to change on that date.

### **Returning to F6**

A huge amount of work has been undertaken to assess the impact of students from Years 10 and 12 returning for face-to-face lessons. The safety and appropriate distancing for all those students and their staff has been risk assessed and planned for. In order for all the changes and plans to be implemented appropriately, we are aiming for these students to return from 8<sup>th</sup> June. This is still subject to any statements made on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

When students do return, there are a number of changes and expectations that they will need to conform to:

- **Timetables:** New timetables will be published to accommodate the two year groups. Students may have less lessons but longer in length. Not every subject may be delivered face-to-face due to the teacher themselves not being able to be on site. Thus those lessons will continue via distance learning as at present.
- **Social distancing:** Room layouts and furniture have changed. Different classrooms have to be used across the school to accommodate appropriate class sizes and distancing. Students will be expected to comply with the two metre rule and wear face masks. Similar restrictions will be placed in and around toilet facilities, where two metre queuing systems will be in place outside these facilities.
- **Study spaces:** Students will only come in for their lessons and will then be expected to leave the site. Study spaces have been organised into classroom spaces, therefore no provision is possible for private study nor use of ICT equipment.
- **Socialising:** The Student Common Room is closed.
- **Catering:** There are no catering facilities available. Students should bring in their own food and drinks.
- **Equipment:** The sharing of equipment and teaching resources may not be possible. Where necessary, students should bring in their own devices and ensure these are correctly cleaned and not shared. Hand sanitisers are located around the site but students are requested to bring in their own too.



**Tutoring:**

The regular tutoring process will need to change but tutors will continue to offer the weekly tutoring sessions on-line. Should students need one-to-one discussions with their tutors or any members of the F6 Leadership team they should request this in advance via email so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**UCAS:**

Traditionally we use the next half term, usually a DLD later in June, to launch the UCAS process, supporting students in planning their post-18 destination ambitions. This will continue but will be delivered via other means (Zoom, tutor group on-line meetings etc). Students should continue to investigate subject choices and university choices on-line, as many of these institutions have adapted also, setting up virtual links and information. Likewise students aiming for Apprenticeship opportunities should continue in the same manner. I would recommend that students generally, keep their options open at this stage and continue to investigate both avenues.

**End of year exams (Yr13 Entry Exams):**

We view these exams as a vital stage in assessing the progress our students. Once again, recognising that these are unusual times and not an ideal learning environment, we still intend looking for an opportunity to run these exams later in the term. These were originally scheduled on the calendar for w/c 15<sup>th</sup> June, but this will now have to be delayed. Students are advised to use their study time to revise and prepare for these towards the end of term. Once again, all these arrangements are subject to change and I will contact you again once further clarification has been received. In the meantime the F6 team wish you and your families a pleasant and safe half term break.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Hayward