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Dear Parents/Carers for Year 12 Students

During this week beginning 15th June 2020, most of our Year 12 have attended a one-to-one meeting in each of their subjects to identify progress, decide on actions for continued development and discuss any blocks to learning or other difficulties. Now that initial contact has been established we feel the timing is right to bring in Year 12 students for one extended lesson per subject for the remaining weeks of the term. This follows the most recent Government guidance.

From the week beginning 22nd June students will be expected to attend one on-site lesson each week per subject. The lesson will last approximately two hours and additional remote learning and submission of work will take place, according to need. This will give each Year 12 a vital eight hours of contact time with which they can prepare for summer tasks and develop a further understanding of requirements for a confident start to Year 13 classes in September. Year 12 have worked hard during school closure but greater contact time before the summer break will be advantageous for all classes.

The control measures that we have put in place for the main school have been extended into the Sixth Form. Careful hygiene measures and clear social distancing will be enforced for all staff and students. In line with Government guidance we have thought carefully about the measures needed to mitigate risk in bringing Year 12 back for face-to face contact. This year group are facing crucial exams next summer, so it is vital that we do not disadvantage them in their course completion, UCAS application and apprenticeship support.

One of the advantages of a small Sixth Form is the class sizes, which means for most groups class integrity can remain as well as meeting the criteria for social distancing. Where this is not the case groups will be split.

The following measures will also apply:

1. Sixth Form classes will take place in the main Sixth Form block away from other students on Oaklands site. (Art, Design, Drama and Science A Levels are obvious exceptions to this)
2. Larger classes will be re-housed in suitable learning spaces within the block so that a 2 metre distance is preserved between learners.
3. Hand-washing will be a constant expectation and students will be questioned about it and reminded regularly
4. All environments at Oaklands will be fully sanitised and checked daily to ensure excellent hygiene on the common surfaces

5. Specialist bins have been put in place for Sixth Formers needing to dispose of their face coverings if they have been used on public transport on the way into school. Likewise, non-disposable face coverings will be bagged and put into rucksacks before entering classrooms.
6. Anybody requiring study space either before or after their lesson slots will be housed in the Sixth Form library. If not in a lesson, Y12 students should be off-site or studying in the library.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D	Option E
Morning sessions 0930-1130				
Biology	Art/Photography	Business Studies	Drama	English Language
Physics	Chemistry	English Lit	Economics	Law
	Geography	Geography		Religious Studies
Afternoon sessions 1230-1430				
Applied Science	Media	French	Film Studies	Maths (Kennedy/Morgan)
Sociology	History	Joint English	Health & Social Care	Further Maths
Spanish	Product Design	Maths (Darch/Dawson)	Computer Science (online)	Psychology (Ludlam/Hall-Stride)
Music	Psychology (LHS)	PE		

Unless students are shielding or ill, they are expected to attend. They should take responsibility for their attendance and email Mrs Ludlam if there are any issues. Part-time work schedules must be re-prioritised against progress at A Level.

Students who have symptoms of the virus should not attend college and must follow the advice on the Government website.

More than any other exam taken so far, A Levels set the trajectory for the next stage of a young person's life. Be that university, training or employment; these qualifications facilitate global opportunities.

Many youngsters start Sixth Form here with an ambition, we want to ensure that every student has the potential to realise their ambition and the enforced school closure should not be a barrier to this. Your support, as parents, in bringing our students back safely is appreciated. We are confident that the measures in place will mean that our young people are given back some important face-to-face time with teaching staff so that they know they are still on course for their important autumn term and the competitive applications they will be making for university, apprenticeships and employment.

Like you, I am very proud of Oaklands Sixth Form students. Their engagement during lockdown has shown a clear resilience and strength in them and we have been impressed. You can rest assured that we will reflect those performances in our academic references during the coming months.

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely



Mr M Quinn
Headteacher