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Dear parents and carers of Year 12 students,

I do hope you are all keeping well at this time and are continuing to stay safe and well as we now navigate our way through this next phase. Further to my letter on 5th June, I am pleased to say that we are now in a position to provide a face to face provision for all Year 12 students starting from Monday 29th June.

I must stress however that we are required to adhere to NHS and DfE guidance. This will mean a limited number of students will be invited onto the school site but we also have other ways of connecting better with our students. Below is an outline of what the next phase of term will look like and the support proposed for our year 12 students

In school mentoring

A small group of students who have experienced particular difficulty with home learning will be invited in to attend academic mentoring sessions on a one-week basis from Monday to Thursday. The emphasis here will be on motivation and engagement, alongside any subject learning.

'Creative' subjects

Students who are studying subjects like art, graphics, photography, fashion or media studies will be invited onto site at set times and days to access the necessary equipment they require to complete their projects. Where a student studies more than one 'creative' subject, we have taken this into consideration and will support them with additional time in school over the coming weeks.

Any students who are expected in school from next week will receive individual letters with further details about timings and expectations on site.

Subject based teaching sessions

There will be online 'face to face' lessons for all Year 12 students in the week commencing 29th June, until the end of term. These will be delivered by your child's subject teachers and will be open to all students within their subjects. There will be an individual timetable for each student and strict online protocol which all students will be expected to follow. I will write out to you with more information on these in the coming days.

Reconsidering end of year exams

Year 12 would normally sit end of year exams in June of the academic year however this will not be possible this year. I have considered whether students should be set this by departments in the same manner to Friday assessments however, I do not feel that this would be a true reflection of their work and knowledge, especially after a considerable time of home learning. I feel that it is important that students do not miss out on the opportunity to assess their learning in preparation for final exams next year and have decided that these will be best sat on our return to school early in the autumn term.

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There may be an opportunity for departments to make available an optional sample end of year exam to students before the summer break which students can use to assess themselves ahead of the exams in the autumn term. I hope to be able to give greater detail about this before the end of term.

UCAS – Thursday 16th July, 18:00

You will recall that Mrs Ayres wrote to you prior to half term about the ‘Route to Success’ programme where your child will be working through a series of sessions on preparing for university, apprenticeships or employment after Greenshaw. Part of this is a parental event on UCAS (University and Colleges Admissions System) which will be run as a live online event on Thursday, 16th July 2020 at 6 pm. Please do keep this evening free if possible, as it is always beneficial for you to understand the process your child will be going through over the coming months.

As a parent myself, I understand fully the uncertainty which has surrounded a return to school for all our children and so, I want to thank you for your patience in bearing with us whilst we work to put the best possible provision we can in place for your child under the current circumstances. We are navigating an ever changing situation and I very much appreciate your support.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to be 'L Buchanan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Miss L Buchanan
Director of Sixth Form