



10 June 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Wider opening of the Academy for Y10 students

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. We would like to thank you for your continued support and patience during these challenging times. I know the disconnection from the Academy is challenging for students, teachers and parents/carers and all that you are doing to support home learning is greatly appreciated. In response to the government announcement that students in Years 10 and 12 will receive some face to face contact from 15 June 2020, I would like to share with you our plans going forward.

One to one meetings

In the week commencing 15 June 2020, all Year 10 students will be given the opportunity to attend a 20 minute one to one meeting with a member of the Pastoral Team or Senior Leadership Team to discuss their welfare and their successes and challenges with online learning. Every parent/carers will receive a phone call before 4.00pm Friday 12 June to offer a one to one meeting for your child.

The meeting will take place in the P.E. department on the Academy site. In order to maintain social distancing, all students will be expected to arrive at the Academy promptly for their allotted time and will leave as soon as the session is finished. Students will be expected to enter the Academy through the **Festival Road** entrance (next to the P.E. department) and attend in full uniform. South Yorkshire Passenger Transport are continuing to operate services, however, there are no specific school bus services running and the decision to use public transport is a personal one to be made by families.

Teachers setting work via Show My Homework (Satchel One)

This is a continuation of our current approach. All teaching staff will continue setting good quality lessons and work via Satchel: One (Show My Homework) in line with their normal timetable for all year groups in Y7, 8, 9, 10 & 12. This will allow students to follow their normal timetable at home. This will also include tutor time activities around 'Character Education' and 'Votes for Schools'. Teachers will be setting activities which allow students to make progress in their normal curriculum subjects. Students should access Satchel: One on a daily basis.

In addition to this, between now and the end of the summer term, teachers will be setting some key assessments, via Satchel: One, to test students' knowledge recall from key learning over the last few months. These assessments will show the teachers the progress students have made. It is important that students continue to fully engage in the work which is set each week, but also check that they are familiar with the content since March. Students will be given advance notice of any assessments.

Live lessons through Microsoft Teams

In addition to students being set work through the Show My Homework app (Satchel One), from the week commencing 15 June we will be delivering '**online live**' lessons for all Y10 students through Microsoft Teams. These lessons will follow the student's normal timetable and, for every subject they study, will have

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one dedicated 'online live' lesson with their current teacher. Students will also have access to one Live question and answer lesson with their subject teacher per week. Your child's Tutor will also be delivering an 'online live' Votes for Schools lesson twice a week. The exact time and day of the live lessons will be communicated to students through the Show My Homework app. A detailed guide on how to access the live lessons will be sent to all students via their school email and the Show My Homework app.

On-site lessons

From **week commencing Monday 22 June 2020**, Year 10 students will be able to access a three week programme of onsite lessons at the Academy. This is in addition to the online live lessons and work set through Show My Homework. These on-site lessons will complement the student's online learning, with lessons based around study skills, revision techniques and careers education. These teaching sessions will take place from 9.00am to 12.00pm. Sessions will be delivered by teaching staff, senior leaders and the new Principal starting in September, Mr Ransome. Students must arrive at the Academy site between 8.45 and 9.00am. They will enter the Academy as they would on a normal school day, through the main reception area.

Government guidelines mean that no more than one quarter of a year group will be in the Academy at any one time, therefore each student is allocated a particular day to attend each week. Students have been allocated days based on their tutor group; they can only attend on this day. Please see the timetable below. The Academy is not open for Year 10 students on a Wednesday; this is to provide an opportunity for a deep clean of the full Academy site.

Week beginning	Monday 9:00 – 12:00	Tuesday 9:00 – 12:00	Thursday 9:00 – 12:00	Friday 9:00 – 12:00
22 June	ARA, CMA, DCA	DMO, JCH, JHA	MWI, NCR, NGI	PBI, PLU, VAS
29 June	PBI, PLU, VAS	ARA, CMA, DCA	DMO, JCH, JHA	MWI, NCR, NGI
6 July	MWI, NCR, NGI	PBI, PLU, VAS	ARA, CMA, DCA	DMO, JCH, JHA

I appreciate that the national decision to begin wider opening of schools has created some controversy and I will respect your individual decision as to whether you wish your child to attend these sessions. In order to aid planning, could you please follow this link to indicate whether you are intending for your child to attend lessons from 22 June 2020.

Link: <https://bit.ly/2XPURJN>

Could I please ask that you respond to this no later than 8.30am Tuesday 16 June 2020.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

J Taylor

Principal