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Letter to Year 10 parents re EMSO 170620 V2

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Dear Students & Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. Thank you for your continued support of your child's Learning@Home and your support of the first Year 10 Tutorials this week.

Holding these Tutorials with Year 10 has allowed us to engage with students on a one to one basis, to ensure we are effectively supporting their learning, and to alleviate any anxiety or concerns which they may have had about returning to school. This in turn allows us to move into the next stage of our graduated approach to support Year 10 face-to-face contact, in line with the Government guidance.

The latest Government guidance is as follows:

We are asking secondary schools to offer face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10, which should remain the predominant mode of education during this term for pupils in these year groups.

Our assessment, based on the latest scientific and medical advice, is that we need to continue to control the numbers attending school to reduce the risk of increasing transmission. Therefore, schools are able to have a quarter of the year 10 cohort in school at any one time.

We are unable to welcome back more children to secondary school at this time, beyond the face-to-face support schools can now offer year 10, and provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers.

Over the next three weeks, Year 10 students will be offered intensive sessions each week on a rota system, in English, Maths and Science. Only one quarter of the year group will attend school on each day, and each quarter will be split into four separate groups. This will ensure class sizes are no larger than 9, allow for social distancing and comply with Government guidance. These sessions will be with specialist staff and will ensure that our Year 10s are well prepared for Learning@Home this term, over the holiday, and for the start of Year 11 in September.

Each group will have staggered start times and different entrances onto the school site to ensure that students comply with social distancing guidance. The sessions will last for approximately 2 hours, which will ensure a very targeted focus during the session. Clearly an intensive 2 hour session with a teacher and up to 9 students will provide a very effective learning experience.

The majority of students will attend school on the same day, at the same time and in the same group each week to minimise the number of students mixing however there will be a slight change for some students to accommodate the tutorial sessions.

The days which students will be in school are shown below, but please be aware each individual student will attend on **only one day each week**. This is to ensure that we comply with Government guidance to have only a quarter of the year group in at any one time.



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Timetable for Year 10 Face-to-Face Contact

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22 nd June	English Group 1	English Group 2	English Group 3	English Group 4	No session (INSET Day)
29 th June	Maths Group 1	Maths Group 2	Maths Group 3	Maths Group 4	No Y10 session
6 th July	2 nd Tutorials	2 nd Tutorials	Science Group 3	Science Group 4	Science Group 2
13 th July	Option A	Option B	Option C Triple Science*	No Y10 session	No Y10 session

* NB: There is no Science Group 1, as this includes all the Triple Science students, who will attend as a group on the 15th July.

We will be in contact by Friday later this week with personalised details for all students regarding the timings, safety information, guidance and group allocation for the face-to-face sessions. These will start with English sessions.

These sessions will be with specialist teachers for each subject, although we cannot guarantee that each student will be with their normal class teacher, due to the impact of social distancing on reduced class numbers. The sessions will focus on consolidating the learning that has taken place since school closed and narrowing gaps in knowledge identified in the recent Assessment Week. They will also ensure that students are clear about what they need to do, and how to do it, to ensure they are ready for a return to school and their final year with us.

In the final week of term, we will also be offering small group sessions for option subjects for students, whom teachers have identified as needing additional support following the assessment week. These sessions will not be for all students and those involved will receive a letter closer to the time inviting them to the session.

On the morning of any in-school sessions for your child, please assess their fitness to come into school. If you answer YES to any of the following questions, please keep them at home, follow the NHS guidance and notify us using the school's normal absence procedures (by text or phone call to the main school number).

- Does your child have a new continuous cough?
- Does your child have a high temperature?
- Does your child have a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)?
- Is anyone in your household suffering from any of the above?
- Has your household been in contact with anyone suffering from the above in the last 14 days?

At the same time as these face-to-face sessions we are looking to increase the number of live lessons we are able to deliver. On the days students are not in school, they should expect a mixture of Learning@Home, and live lessons via 'Google Hangouts'. This is easily accessible through the Google Classrooms app, which is part of each students school account. Timings and instructions for all live lessons will be communicated in advance to allow students and parents to plan access to technology and appropriate space.

Thank you once again for your support, which is very much appreciated. Please do keep safe and keep in touch.

My very best wishes go out to you and your families.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Polly Matthews
Acting Headteacher