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Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you and your families continue to be safe and well.

In my last letter, I explained that the government aimed for some Year 10 and Year 12 students to attend school from 1<sup>st</sup> June. This has now been delayed until 15<sup>th</sup> June. The guidance states: 'Secondary schools and colleges can invite Year 10 and Year 12 pupils, and 16 to 19 learners in the first year of their course, back into school for some face-to-face support from their teachers, to supplement their remote education' (Opening schools and educational settings to more pupils from 1 June: guidance for parents and carers, 2020).

We are currently reviewing the options that are available to us in order to meet the government's aims. I must stress again that the vast majority of students are performing brilliantly on the live and remote learning. I congratulate them on their efforts – it will be worth it! I thank the staff for providing such an excellent provision since March 23<sup>rd</sup>. I do not know of any other school that has offered such a provision and the dedication of the staff should not be underestimated during these unprecedented times! Examples of excellent achievement include:

- All the hearts demonstrating acts of kindness that students have been sharing through their RE lessons.
- Engagement in the Art and Photography competitions outlined on our Facebook page.
- The Year 11 into 12 transition work which has got off to a tremendous start.
- The fantastic student leader letters which I have had the pleasure of reading.
- The students who are in school and have adapted to our new way of working so successfully.

It remains our intention to ensure that any Year 10 or Year 12 student who is not fully involved in live learning will be expected to attend school as we consider them to be vulnerable in terms of potentially not achieving to the best of their ability. We do not want any of our students to be affected by the school closure and must do all we can to avoid the possibility of students missing out on their education in these invaluable years. We are also conscious of the need to gather evidence of each and every student's progress in case this pandemic lasts for a long time. Indeed, the Commons Education Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> June was informed that disruption could continue until November. We will be in touch with the identified students and their families in the next few days.

Meanwhile, we look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students to their transitional programme to our Sixth Form. This comprises both live learning and remote learning tasks and projects. Please promote this with families and friends – we have spaces available in our Sixth Form and welcome students from other schools to join us!

Additionally, for information, we are planning transitional events for our new intake to Year 7. We are looking forward to getting to know the students well prior to their arrival in September.



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Finally, this Sunday we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity. I frequently feel a sense of awe and wonder when I read or hear the Gospel and reflect on how applicable it is to our lives today:

Gospel:

John 3:16-18

‘God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

Jesus said to Nicodemus: ‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son.’

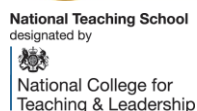
I pray that we continue to share a common belief in peace, justice, humanity, bravery and love. We ask for the strength to support each other as God’s children in these difficult times in the knowledge that our faith will save us.

Thank you for your continuing support and co-operation – it is very much appreciated.

God bless

Principal

GOV.UK. 2020. *Opening Schools And Educational Settings To More Pupils From 1 June: Guidance For Parents And Carers.* [online] Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>



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