



St Mary's and St John's CE School

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: 'Touch Base' sessions for students in Years 10 and 12

Further to our letter of 5th June, many of you have been in touch to ask what we mean by a 'touch base' session for our students in Years 10 and 12.

The government has stated:

- From 15 June, secondary schools are able to offer face-to-face support for a quarter of the Year 10 and Year 12 cohort (altogether) at any one time
- Schools should provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and Year 12 pupils
- Remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups and that this should be of high quality
- Continue to use best endeavours to support all other pupils remaining at home, making use of the available remote education support and ensuring a high quality offer

Clearly, our students are in the midst of revision for their June assessments and so we have adapted our plans to take this into account. Providing it is safe for us to welcome our children back to school, our plan for Year 10 and Year 12 students is as follows:

Year 10 Students

Week Commencing	Plan for Year 10
15th June	Students continue with their distance learning revision at home
22nd June	Students complete their June assessments
29th June	Academic review sessions. Year 10 will be invited in on one day for a 2 hour period in groups of up to 10 students. We will cover a presentation on how the school will work during social distancing and also discuss how the period of lockdown has affected them.
6th July onwards	Students will be invited in for sessions with their teachers to supplement their distance learning

Year 12 Students

Week Commencing	Plan for Year 12
15th June	Students continue with their distance learning revision at home
22nd June	Students complete their June assessments
29th June	Students finish their June assessments. Academic review sessions start once the assessments are finished (arts students' assessments last until 3rd July). Year 12 will be invited in on one day for a 2 hour period in groups of up to 10 students. We will cover a presentation on how the school will work during social distancing and also discuss how the period of lockdown has affected them. Students will also be concentrating on preparing for their post 18 courses and writing their UCAS applications.
6th July onwards	Students will be invited in for sessions with their teachers to supplement their distance learning. Preparation for post 18 courses and UCAS applications.

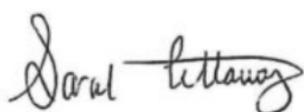
While they are not in school we will expect our students to continue with the work their teachers have set them to complete as distance learning. To help us with our planning for these sessions it would be helpful to know your thoughts about your child returning to school at this time so please complete this short [survey](#) prior to 12th June.

There is pressure to get straight back into teaching as it was before the lockdown as we are all conscious that there will be gaps in our children's learning and the pressures of completing the curriculum to prepare them for their exams next year. However, research demonstrates that we must care for our children's mental well-being if they are going to be in a position to learn well. Therefore, the time we will spend with our students in their session during their first week back will be dedicated to discussing events which have occurred during lockdown and anxieties they may have as well as their education.

It is an important part of our safe return to school that our students continue to follow social distancing at all times. To that end we have added a 'Covid-19 addendum' (attached) to our home school agreement. Please read this carefully with your child before their return to school as by sending your child into school you and your child are agreeing to follow these rules.

I hope this provides more clarity regarding our plans for students in Years 10 and 12. If you have any further questions please contact either myself, Ms Gershon or Ms Thomas.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Pittaway
Acting Head of Secondary