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God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1-2

Wednesday 10 June 2020

Dear Year 12 Families

I hope you and your family members and friends remain safe and well during this very trying time.

Following on from the Headteacher's on 22 May, I write to you in relation to the government's announcement, during half term, that secondary schools should plan for the phased return of some Year 10 and Year 12 students from 15 June 2020, for what is described as 'face to face contact.'

I want to emphasise that this will not mean students return to normal lessons. The arrangements for a phased return at St Martin's is based, not only on the number of staff we have that are able to come to school at this time, but also on your responses to the survey which highlighted your concerns around safety, public transport and underlying health conditions.

We are looking forward to our students returning, but we can only accommodate small numbers due to our current staffing situation. We would also like to prioritise those students who do not have access to ICT and internet and vulnerable students on a case by case basis. The government has made it clear that this provision is only for 25% of the total year 10 and 12 cohort, for us will result in very few in number.

This letter will set out our short term face to face provision which will be reviewed on a regular basis in line with our staffing capacity. We are completing our risk assessment and have begun to make alterations to our premises for the safety and wellbeing of everyone in line with government guidelines.

## FACE TO FACE LIVESTREAM TUTORIALS AND CONSOLIDATION LESSONS

From the 15 June (some will begin next week) your daughter/son will be invited to face to face tutorials leading to live consolidation lessons with all their subject teachers. We have put together expectations for this and ask that you read the 'Student Etiquette' document with your child so that they are clear about how to conduct themselves during these sessions.

## **COMPULSORY LIVESTREAM POST 18 SEMINARS**

Our Sixth form continues to support your child's 'Journey to Success' through weekly online assemblies and, this week we launched our virtual "Stepping Up" seminars which provide a structured programme to support your child's next steps. The compulsory sessions provide guidance on university and apprenticeship applications followed by personalised support provided by their UCAS mentor. Student's will also be expected to engage in progression activities, such as attending virtual university open days and online personal and academic development programmes.



We understand that you will want to support your child in making decisions around their Post-18 choices and would like to invite you to our online parent's information evening on **Wednesday 8th July at 6:30 pm** to receive further information on UCAS, apprenticeships and provide you with an opportunity to ask any general questions. Please join us via <u>Google meet</u>.

## **ETONX**

We have been given a great opportunity to register with Eton College. In response to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, Eton College is making some of their self-study courses available free of charge to state school students in the UK. Students will be able to access one of the self-study courses by following the information provided through their google classroom. Find out more about the courses by visiting the Eton College website <u>here</u>

We want to thank you for your patience and for the support you are giving your daughter/son to continue learning at home.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries or concerns. I would ask that you contact us by phone rather than visiting us. Currently, visitors to the school are strictly by appointment only.

With all good wishes.

Beverley Stanislaus Headteacher

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