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

Friday 5 June 2020

Dear Year 10 Families

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

Following my letter of 22 May, I write to you again as a result of the government 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 those who are doing practical subjects such as art, music and drama.

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 will be invited to face to face tutorials leading to live consolidation lessons with all her subject teachers. We have put together expectations for this and ask that you read the 'Student Etiquette' document with your daughter so that she is clear about how to conduct herself during these sessions.

ONSITE PROVISION FOR ART, MUSIC AND DRAMA

We hope to invite students in for some practical work. This will be organised next week. Please ask your daughter to email her teacher if she would like to be invited to school. We will then let you know how this will work.

ONSITE PROVISION FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT ICT AND INTERNET ACCESS

We would like to prioritise students who would benefit from the facilities in school. Please contact the school and let us know if you would like your daughter to be invited into school.



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 here

HEALTH AND SAFETY

We have been open for some students since schools were asked to close on 23 March 2020. We have a risk assessment in place and are revising this for wider opening with the potential of more students on site. We will inform you of the alterations and safety procedures prior to any additional students attending school.

I am sure you have many questions and I would be happy to talk to you about your concerns. As such I would like to invite you to a Year 10 Parents Forum Google Meet to take place on **Wednesday 10** June 2020 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. This is the link which will take you to the event. meet.google.com/cxm-zefi-dtw

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.

I look forward to seeing as many families as possible at the Google Meet next week.

With all good wishes.

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