



5th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Update re COVID-19 Response

Wider opening of school - Year 10 and Year 12

The government has now confirmed that secondary schools should “*offer some face to face contact with Year 10 and Year 12 pupils from 15th June*”. Students in these year groups will not return full time as only up to 25% of both year groups are allowed in school at one time. There is also no expectation to return to normal timetables (or anything like this) as the government has stated that “*remote learning should continue to be the primary method of educating Year 10 and Year 12 students*”. Therefore, staff will continue to set tasks remotely, as they have been doing so far, but with an expectation that students attend specific timetabled sessions during this half term. Most of these sessions will involve subject specific small group work. In addition, some students may also have individual mentoring sessions.

Senior leaders have begun to plan for this wider opening, taking into consideration the type of face to face support that would most benefit Prince Henry's students, whilst considering the actions and restrictions necessary to keep students and staff as safe as possible. All planning will be based on maintaining stringent social distancing. As a result, it is *likely* (the final plan has not been confirmed) that we will only be able to offer students one or two school-based face to face sessions in each of their subjects over the 5 week period, with opportunity for some individual mentoring support for those that need it.

Once plans have been finalised, I will write separately to the parents/carers of Year 10 and Year 12 students with details of the arrangements, including the measures in place to minimise risk and the dates and times your child will be expected to attend.

Distance Learning update

The past week has been dedicated to reflection and improvement work and we know that it has given students the opportunity to get back on track, or to consolidate and extend what they have done already. The week has also provided an opportunity for teachers to review student learning and progress in order to inform the next stages of remote learning. In addition, examples of best work are being collated to share with students through virtual assemblies. Please continue to support your son or daughter in their ongoing remote learning. There is helpful information on the School Closure section on the home page of the school website, as well as advice in the government's [guidance for parents and carers](#) on how to help support home learning.

Year 12 - support for university applications

During this half term, there will be dedicated support to help Year 12 draft their personal statements. If you have a child in Year 12, please encourage them to begin their draft as soon as possible, even if they haven't yet decided which subject or course they want to study at university.

Please continue to check the "School Closure" section on the home page of the school website for the latest information.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet Sheriff', written in a cursive style.

Ms Janet Sheriff
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