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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 10 students,

We wish to share our plans for the next half of term; it is our intention to re-open school from June 1st onwards, to Year 10 students only, although the nature of what we provide will be different to when we closed in March.

In summary, we will begin with 1:1 discussions (between 20 and 30 minutes for each student) in school between the student and the Form Tutor/Head of House, with every student in Year 10, over the first two weeks of next half term. This will be followed by some teaching input (about 8 students per classroom) in the Core subjects (English, Mathematics and Science), and in time some teaching input for Option subjects.

June 1st – June 12th: the focus of the conversation will be on the level of engagement that a student has had with their work, the areas where they may have had difficulty and following this we will provide support on how best to engage with the work being set. We will want to hear from them about the challenges they have faced and in particular what support they may need going forward. We deliberately wish to focus on their well-being, to provide a supportive role to help them move forward, and to re-kindle our working in partnership with them.

These conversations will help to inform us what should happen next i.e. it will shape our thinking on the teaching input, as well as the mechanisms we may need in place to provide support to those who may be finding all of this difficult. We do not under-estimate how many there could be who may need a nurturing, caring and sensibly paced re-introduction to school.

June 15th onwards: Students (in groups of no more than 8 per class) will be taught in the core subjects for one session a week, thereafter we will provide some input for Option subjects. Start times will be staggered to minimize contact between groups of students. We will contact you with further details about the timetable for this after half term.

An invitation will be sent out via Show My Homework, by the form tutor (by 3pm on Friday 22nd May), with the date, time and location of the 1:1 meeting.

Students must bring a pen and be in school uniform and our usual high expectations of behaviour will be maintained.

We obviously want to engage with as many students as possible, but if you decide that your son/daughter will not be attending (for example they may be self-isolating), please inform us by Friday 22nd May, by sending an e mail to info@tpstrust.co.uk.

COVID details

We are already open for a restricted number of students, and are following the guidance issued by the government on implementing protective measures. The following will be in place for the 1:1 meetings:

- The tutor meetings will be spread around the site so that every student in each form will have their form-specific entrance and exit.

- When a student arrives at school they will need to wait outside the room before being allowed in, and we ask students to observe the usual social distancing expectations in order to minimize mixing and contact.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided (which students must use) at the start and end of the 1:1 meeting.
- The chair and desk used during the meeting will be wiped clean between each consultation.
- To minimize contact, parents/carers must not be on site (see further note below).
- The entire school has been deep-cleaned and it is important that students keep to their intended room in order to prevent cross-contamination.
- Students must not attend if they, or any member of their family, show symptoms of the COVID-19.
- If students show symptoms whilst they are on site we will have an allocated place to isolate them and will inform parents/carers immediately to collect them.
- Whilst on site, we will do all we can to minimise contact and social mixing, but we cannot determine this whilst they make their journey to school.
- It is important that, once the meeting is over, the students leave the site.
- We will continue to arrange provision for the students in critical groups.

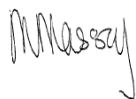
We have had many conversations with parents/carers who have made contact with us during these times, and we strongly encourage you to continue making contact, through info@tpstrust.co.uk. Our partnership with you is important and your observations and feedback will indeed help us to shape our plans for the coming few weeks.

Finally, we are sure you will appreciate that as the medical and scientific evidence continues to be fed through, we may need to adjust these plans. Therefore as these plans evolve over the coming weeks, and in the event that we do need to alter them, we will be in touch with you again.

Yours sincerely,



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