

Update Week 13

We have this week welcomed our year 10 and 12 students back into school. Our 'Key Worker School' has been running throughout this period of time and some of our students have been in school full time. When year 10 and year 12 students are in school, we are essentially running two separate schools. We have put measures in place to keep students safe by being 2m apart and safe movement around the site.

I hope that our year 10 students have enjoyed some face to face teaching – we have certainly enjoyed having them in school.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the survey, everyone who expressed a preference to come into school has been provided with a place. Please call into school if you have not completed the survey and we will try to ensure we can safely accommodate your child. Option subject classes begin this Friday (19th June) and continue into next week. Please check the rota as some of these lessons will be online, and some will be in school. We have accommodated as many students as possible in the sessions.

We are very proud of the students at Chase Terrace and they are usually extremely responsible. It is very important that they remain careful and do not, for example, run up to a friend to hug them as they arrive or leave! We also ask that students do not visit local shops on the way to or from school. The government information is clear that with more movement of older students, comes the possibility of more social interaction. To keep our community safe, we would ask that students come straight to school and, at the end of their second session, go straight home.

The weather has also presented us with additional challenges this week. As temperatures are not as high as they were in May, and we must keep windows open for ventilation, please ensure your child comes to school with a jumper that they can wear in class to prevent them feeling cold. Please try to ensure students arrive between 8.50 and 9am for their morning session as they are not able to enter the school building early due to a staggered start for other groups.

Transition

We are looking carefully at ways to support transition for both our new year 7 students and our year 12 students.

We have organised our calendar to ensure that children do get transition days in some form. These have been cancelled this term so we intend to run transition days from the 2nd to the 4th September 2020. Students in year 7 and year 12 will attend school on these days to familiarize themselves with the new routines that will be in place. We know that some of our children will not have been in school full time for a period of almost 5 months by then so we are working hard to try to ensure we assess their gaps in knowledge early and can work hard with them to close these gaps.

There is still no clear indication of the social distancing measures that will be in place from September. We are waiting for further advice from the government and the DfE so that we can prepare for wider opening. In an ideal world we would hope to be fully open but, should this not happen, we will contact you as soon as possible to let you know our arrangements.

Staff have worked really hard on an online provision for students. Using Microsoft Teams, we have been creating both recorded and live lessons for students in all year groups to access. There are also a number of resources that you can access with your children, such as GCSEPod, MyMaths, The Oak National Online Academy and BBC Bitesize. Our lessons go live every Monday so please try to encourage your children to access them if possible.

As always, we are here for you. Staff are keen to keep in touch with students and tutors have sent emails to their tutor groups to check in on them. Please encourage your child to reply to these and let us know if support is needed.

There is a list here of the relevant year offices that you can contact should you need support.

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Year 8 Office	Mr Grund Mrs Hewitt	n.grund@cttc.staffs.sch.uk h.hewitt@cttc.staffs.sch.uk
Year 9 Office	Mr Meek Mrs Weaving	d.meek@cttc.staffs.sch.uk m.weaving@cttc.staffs.sch.uk
Year 10 Office	Mrs Scholes Mrs Goodall/Mrs Graham	e.scholes@cttc.staffs.sch.uk year10office@cttc.staffs.sch.uk
Year 11 Office	Mr Bullock Mrs Pickin	a.bullock@cttc.staffs.sch.uk s.pickin@cttc.staffs.sch.uk
6 th Form	Mr Giles Miss Humphries	r.giles@cttc.staffs.sch.uk d.humphries@cttc.staffs.sch.uk

We do appreciate the support that we have had from parents and our students. I have had some lovely examples of work that has been completed to a really high standard and sent into school by email. Thank you for working so hard, please do let us know if your child has done something they are particularly proud of, we would love to see it.

Best Wishes to you all.

Ms Mason
Head of School