

Dear Families,

I hope you are well and keeping safe. Thank you to everyone who has been able to support wider opening to Years 10 and 12. Feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive. Perhaps most importantly, students and staff have said that they have felt the environment is safe. Attendance at the sessions has been excellent and students have found the sessions really helpful to keep them on track.

We know not everyone is able to return to school but if it is anxiety alone that is holding some students back then we would reassure you that everything is in place to make the site as safe as possible. To help you visualise our safety measures, we have produced a short video tour of the school where you can see classrooms and corridors set up for safe working.

Please click this link to view the tour <https://youtu.be/XHqzcGsW7DU>

If your child has not yet been in but you would now like them to have a place, please email year10office@cttc.staffs.sch.uk who will support. We would love to see them.

September

We are currently planning a range of options, which include both full return to school and a mixture of face to face sessions and online learning. We want to be as prepared as possible for all eventualities in September. As soon as I have further guidance from the Department for Education, I will update families.

We will put online lessons for core subjects (English Maths and Science) for year 9 and 10 in the first two weeks of the summer holidays. Each KS4 curriculum is specific to each school and exam board so we feel it is important for us to continue our support a little longer. These lessons will be available each day on Microsoft Teams.

For Years 7 and 8 there will be continued lessons available on BBC Bitesize and via The Oak National Academy. These are an excellent resource to use for KS3 lessons if you feel your child needs additional support over the summer.

The link to the next three weeks schedule for BBC Bitesize is here:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bitesize-daily-lessons-schedule/zdtwjhv?dm_i=3YNL,15BY5,2M9TG2,425BU,1

The link to the Oak National Academy is here for you should you need it:

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

The Oak National Academy will be producing lessons for the whole of next academic year so there will be more lessons to access over the coming weeks and months.

Transition for year 7 and 12

We have been working with families of students who are joining us in September to make sure they are well prepared for their new journey at Chase Terrace Academy. Our transition video is now live and accessed via the following link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAyG89M7i08&t=13s>

Ms Wilson has worked very hard with her transition team, to try to meet all students virtually this term and ensure all of their questions are answered. Our first online parent meeting has gone very well too – thank you to all of the staff involved and all of the parents and students that have joined us. We look forward to seeing more of you in the coming days. If you have not yet received an email about a parent transition meeting for new year 7, please email transition@cttc.staffs.sch.uk

Schools Diversity Week



We have launched our School Diversity Week led by Mr Cooper this week.

The Progress Flag was created in 2018, designed to update the existing rainbow pride flag. The design incorporates the colours of the trans flag (white, pink, light blue) and black and brown stripes to represent LGBT+ people of colour. Both groups face disproportionate levels of discrimination, face unique challenges and have histories that other members of the LGBT+ communities don't. The flag draws attention to these and encourages us to fight for the equal rights of everyone under the LGBTQ+ umbrella.

Feel free to join the Microsoft Team to join in or check up on the daily SMHW announcements.

It would also be fantastic if any of you would like to get involved with the school-wide activities including the photo challenge, if you get the chance!

Please see the link here.

<https://www.justlikeus.org/home-edition-secondary>

Thank you all for your continued support. Remember we are here to support so please do get in touch if you need us.

Ms Mason
Head of School