3 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re-opening of school for Year 12 students

We would like to start by thanking all our parents/carers for their patience and support in helping their children with their education during this very difficult time.

As you will be aware on 24 May 2020, the Prime Minister announced that schools could have a quarter of students in Years 10 and 12 in school at any one-time commencing Monday 15 June 2020 for some ‘face time’ with their teachers. We are very confident that this is already happening for many of our students in a number of subject areas via Zoom lessons and other alternative remote education platforms, which we are very proud of and will continue to facilitate.

In light of this, a recent survey was conducted for all year 12 students to ascertain how many students would return to school for ‘face to face’ lessons with their teachers before the end of term. 93% of the students responded to the survey of which 72% said they were currently reluctant and anxious to come to school for lessons before the end of the academic year. 89% said they were happy with the teaching methods that were currently being used e.g. Zoom, pre-recorded lessons and Show My Homework.

Based on this feedback we have decided not to invite students back to school for the five weeks before the end of term and to continue with the current remote teaching methods that we have currently adopted.

UCAS

The Sixth Form Pastoral Team will continue to keep in regular contact with your child to ensure any issues that they may have, are addressed. The Head of Year 12 - Mrs Sheridan, will also be in touch shortly with further guidance and support regarding preparation for UCAS.

Year 12 Assessments/Examinations

The Academy has also taken the decision for year 12 not to have any formal internal assessments / examinations before the end of this academic year. Formal internal assessments will be scheduled to take place when year 12 return to school next year, at which point further information will be provided. We would like to encourage all students to revise the learning completed during Year 12 prior to returning next year, in addition to the ongoing lessons taking place remotely.

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**Work Experience**

As a result of Covid-19, Work Experience, which was due to take place week commencing 13 July 2020 has been cancelled.

We hope that September will bring back some form of ‘normality’ when we look forward to welcoming your child back to school.

Thank you again for your ongoing patience and support.

Yours sincerely

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