

Tapton SCHOOL

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Y10 Lessons

Dear Parents and carers,

I am writing to thank you for your incredible support and patience during the last few difficult months. Our approach up to now and going forward has been and will continue to be led by government guidance and a consideration of the safety of both students and staff. The context for all schools both primary and secondary, state and private is ultimately unique to the individual school. Our school has not closed since the initial national closure of schools. We have been open to key workers and vulnerable students since March, including throughout the holidays. Unlike other secondary schools in our local area, our key worker provision has been rising every week to the point where we have nearly reached capacity. Since March there have been over 150 different directives from the DfE; these are shared with schools at the same time as they are released to the media and public.

The Year 10 team were very excited to begin the process of form tutor consultations last week and it was such a pleasure to welcome you and your children back into school. Over three days form tutors and families engaged in meaningful, productive and thoughtful conversations that have been instrumental in our planning process for welcoming Year 10s back into school from the week beginning the **29th June 2020**. Whilst other schools may have opened doors to students last week, we believe that doing so without this initial stage of consultations would not have resulted in the bespoke package of lessons we will be offering from the 29th. We have spent the last few days meticulously analysing the feedback given during the consultations to create a timetable of lessons that will respond to the individual needs and requests of Year 10 students. Alongside this, our forward planning has already made adjustments to our calendar for September 2020-August 2021 so that all learning time is maximised to the fullest extent. Our recruitment process for September 2020 is also nearly complete and we are delighted to welcome an excellent range of practitioners into school including a specialist HLTA who will work alongside the pastoral team to provide additional support for students.

Further details of our bespoke Year 10 timetable will be with you later this week. My Year 10 teachers and the pastoral team are already excited to welcome back the students and begin the process of intervention and catch up. Whilst these last few months have been unprecedented and alarming, I want to assure you that the entire staff body is in no doubt that we will make up for lost time and maintain the highest standards of teaching, learning and support that you know Tapton for. Please do contact me directly or Deputy Headteacher, Ms Grewal if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher



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