



10 June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 and Year 12 provision at St Katherine's

We continue to focus on improving our Learning@Home programme for all our students and recognise this will remain the predominant mode of education during Term 6 for all year groups. Expectations can now be found in the Learning@Home guide that accompanies this letter.

In gradually reopening the school to Year 10 and Year 12 students, we have been driven by safety along with how we make any provision meaningful and beneficial to students. Last week we shared with you the guiding principles which have been agreed across the Cathedral Schools Trust (CST) and are detailed in the attached document. Our risk assessments have now been considered by the local governing board and will be assessed by a Health and Safety consultant today, before seeking final approval from CST Trustees on Thursday. Our risk assessment will be shared this week.

The safety of students and staff on site is our priority and we have made a number of changes to the school site. We will be releasing a video later this week to talk through the changes and we ask you to watch this video with your child(ren) to help them better understand the differences from their previous school experience. We count on your support to assist your child(ren) as they develop their understanding of why we will introduce certain protocols or restrictions such as social distancing and the frequent washing of hands to protect their health and the health of others. New expectations for students when on site include the following:

- Always allow 2 metres between yourself and others at all times
- Do not leave your seat without permission
- Do not share your equipment with anyone else
- CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT - Use a tissue or your elbow when you sneeze or cough
- If you have a question, raise your hand and do not approach another person

We want to ensure we are able to fully support our students and provide the support they need to help them engage more effectively with our Learning@Home programme. Individual student reports will be shared with parents/carers this week and we know there is a full range of engagement across our student cohort. We will continue to add extra resources and priority to those experiencing multiple barriers to their learning at home.

Year 10 - week commencing 8 June - 26 June

Heads of House and the Head of Inclusion will begin contacting parents/carers this week to arrange meetings with parents/carers and your child. The purpose of these meetings is to:

- reflect on your child's engagement and progress to date using the latest report as reference
- consider how we can support Learning@Home more effectively this term
- discuss any pastoral or wellbeing concerns that you or your child may have
- ensure your child is preparing for Year 11

From Thursday 11 June, you will be able to book your meeting at a mutually convenient time following these three easy steps:

1. Use the [online booking system](#) to reserve your meeting slot.
2. Check your child's email for an invite to an online meeting which will be sent to your child's school email address.
3. Join the meeting alongside your child at the booked time by clicking the link in the email.

Should you have any problem accessing the booking system or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact school@skdrive.org immediately so we can help you.

Year 12 - week commencing 15 June - 17 July

Year 12 students will experience one day in school per subject involving up to four hours of teaching from their specialist teacher along with important pastoral conversations to support their wellbeing. The first week's schedule is as follows:

Date	Subject
Monday 15 June 2020	Maths A
Tuesday 16 June 2020	Maths B
Tuesday 16 June 2020	Health and Social Care (Online via Zoom)
Wednesday 17 June 2020	(Block closed for deep clean)
Thursday 18 June 2020	Hospitality
Friday 19 June 2020	Chemistry

The schedule for the rest of the term will be shared with Year 12 parents/carers and students later this week. Where a class has been split into two groups (to support social distancing measures), parents/carers and students will receive separate communication letting them know which day they should attend. These groups have been designed to support teaching and learning and we ask students to attend on the day they are allocated.

Some sessions will be delivered remotely where staff are unable to attend school in person. This will be clearly indicated on the schedule and students should attend the online lesson for the duration where possible, as if they were in school. They will be invited to this session via their class Google Classroom.

Though we would be delighted to welcome all students on site, we recognise that not all students will be able to attend these days. Staff will share recordings and resources that students can access via their Google Classroom shortly after the event, for all students to access.

Each day is structured as follows:

08:00 - 09:00	Arrival
09:00 - 11:00	Session 1
11:00 - 11:20	Break
11:20 - 13:20	Session 2
13:20 - 14:00	Departure
14:00	All students leave

We have built a long period of time for arrival and departure to support those who may face transport challenges. If you need to arrive / depart outside these times, we will support that decision. Please let us know in advance by emailing Mr Colebourne (colebournes@skdrive.org). This time will also be used to give students an opportunity to speak to their peers face to face and members of the sixth form team who will be there to offer support and check on progress with our Learning@Home programme.

There are a number of aspects of school which are not yet fully operational, or that have been adjusted to keep everyone safe. Students should bring any food and drink they require for break, as there will be no canteen provision. There will not be time allocated for lunch - students who wish to have lunch before they depart can do so at 13:20 - this will need to be a packed lunch.

Students will have access to toilet facilities in the canteen only, where frequent cleaning is in place. There is also a water fountain in the canteen where they can refill a water bottle.

Transport

We ask all members of our community to follow the government guidelines when considering transport. In summary, where possible you child should walk or cycle to school. If that is not practical, your child should travel by car with a family member. Consider all other forms of transport before using public transport, including buses. If your child must use public transport because there is no other option, your child should avoid travelling at peak times, use a face covering to cover their nose and mouth and should stay 2 metres away from other people where possible. Here is [further guidance](#) for the safe use of public transport. Should your child use public transport, we understand their arrival and departure time will need to be flexible.

We want to assure you that we have great empathy for the situation you and your family are facing and as we mentioned last week, none of these arrangements come close to substituting a school experience for a young person. We recognise some students will need greater support to help them engage more effectively with our Learning@Home programme and this is our priority. We appreciate and thank our parents/carers who are supporting their child(ren) and we understand just how challenging this juggling act is. Our offer to vulnerable students and the children of key workers will remain in place each day during Term 6.

We continue to review our Learning@Home programme each week and welcome your feedback on what you feel we are doing well and what your child(ren) are finding most useful along with how we could improve it further. Please share your feedback using this capture [form](#).

No matter how you and your family have had to cope with this unprecedented situation, we hope, with our collective support as a community, that together we can bring optimism, hope and resilience to the situation. Most importantly, we look forward to gradually welcoming our students back to St Katherine's with the appropriate measures in place to safeguard our community's health and wellbeing.

Kind regards



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