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Dear Parents/Guardians

PLANNING FOR THE RETURN OF YEAR 10 AND YEAR 12 FROM MONDAY 15 JUNE

As you will know HM Government now plans the gradual re-opening of secondary schools for some pupils from the middle of this month. As your son is in one of the relevant year groups this letter gives details of the planned arrangements which have been agreed by governors and will operate at BWS. This detailed information accompanies the more generic detail contained in my letter earlier this week; can I especially draw your attention to the need for your son to wear a face covering if he is coming in to school by public transport, and also the imperatives at all times of personal hygiene and social distancing. Please ensure that both you and your son have read through both letters so that you understand the arrangements in full; note that in addition to the details about subject sessions, there is some more general information at the end of this letter to take on board.

1. DfE advice is that secondary schools should partially re-open from 15 June 2020 to provide some face-to-face support for pupils in Years 10 and 12 because they are the year groups that are closest to their public examinations. Learning for these year groups (as well as all other pupils) should still be mainly online for the remainder of the summer term, so the intention of sessions for Years 10 and 12 will be to support and consolidate learning rather than deliver new material.
2. Heads of Academic Departments are to plan the delivery of support sessions in their area of responsibility so that the workload for the departmental team is manageable and sustainable. Attendance for pupils will be strongly encouraged but will not be compulsory, as there will be parents who will be reluctant to let their boys re-engage at this early opportunity, and use of public transport is problematic. Heads of Departments are encouraged to use discretion and a flexible/innovative approach in this respect; there will be boys that will benefit significantly from attendance at support sessions, whereas others are more self-reliant. Alternatively, if HoDs wish to see all of the boys studying their subject then the scheme outlined below should make this possible.
3. **General Principles for Year 12**
 - a) Face to face contact for every Y12 pupil in school with a subject specialist (for each subject that he takes) during 4 weeks until the end of term. Boys attend according to House Groups so Monday J, Tuesday M, Wednesday O, Thursday P and Friday W, but only when there is a relevant subject session scheduled i.e. no face to face pastoral sessions will run, though there will be a staff presence in the Sixth Form Office.
 - b) Current timetable and school day suspended. Weekly sessions to operate between 14.00-16.00 according to schedule shown below.

- c) Boys to arrive on site five minutes before their first session and depart immediately after their last session. Attendance strongly encouraged but not compulsory. Boys should not remain on site if they do not have a subject session to attend.
- d) All boys to enter via the **Exeter Street Gate** and wait (socially distanced!) in the fire assembly area until told to go to their rooms for subject sessions.
- e) Group size maximum of 15.
- f) Registration in lessons.
- g) Remote learning tasks continue for the remainder of the year group that day; sessions in school are revision/consolidation or 'surgery' sessions rather than learning new material, and should not generate any additional marking load.
- h) Assessed tasks based on assignments set for remote learning. Delivery remains predominantly remote as per DfE guidance.
- i) Subjects have been blocked so as to minimise clashes, but some subject clashes for individual boys are unavoidable.

Week 1 (week beginning Monday 15 June)

Monday 12J, Tuesday 12M, Wednesday 12O, Thursday 12P, Friday 12W

Routine	13.55	Boys arrive
	14.00-15.00	Maths
	15.00-16.00	Biology

Week 2 (week beginning 22 June)

Monday 12J, Tuesday 12M, Wednesday 12O, Thursday 12P, Friday 12W

Routine	13.55	Boys arrive
	14.00-15.00	English Lit/Politics
	15.00-16.00	Economics/Geography/German/Music/Philosophy (RS)

Week 3 (week beginning Monday 29 June)

Monday 12J, Tuesday 12M, Wednesday 12O, Thursday 12P, Friday 12W

Routine	13.55	Boys arrive
	14.00-15.00	Physics
	15.00-16.00	Chemistry

Week 4 (week beginning Monday 6 July)

Monday 12J, Tuesday 12M, Wednesday 12O, Thursday 12P, Friday 12W

Routine	13.55	Boys arrive
	14.00-15.00	Art/F Maths/French/Geology/History/Psychology/Spanish
	15.00-16.00	Art/Economics/English Lit/F Maths/French/Geography/Geology/ German/History/Music/Philosophy (RS)/Politics/Psychology/Spanish (This is an additional session for these subjects to allow for subject clashes)

Week 5 (week beginning Monday 13 July)

Face to face cycle complete; remote teaching. It is likely that we will be offering UCAS surgery sessions for Year 12 through this week; further details will be made available in due course.

A couple of final important points to bear in mind please:

Firstly, it will be essential that your son brings all of the personal equipment that he will need for the sessions with him, as sharing materials will not be allowed. **In particular it will be essential that he brings a calculator to all of the Maths sessions.**

Secondly if your son needs to travel in to Salisbury by bus please note that there are new timetables operating from the start of this month. Further details can be found online at <https://www.salisburyreds.co.uk/increased-services-sunday-31st-may>

I hope that all makes sense for you. Attendance at these subject support sessions is encouraged (for obvious reasons) but is not compulsory, no school uniform is required and please make sure that he doesn't forget his packed lunch!

Best wishes



S D Smallwood
Head Master