

**22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020**

Dear Parent/Carers,

**As we are for the time being....**

We are still awaiting further guidance from the Government on provision for Y10 students. In the meantime **we are not planning for students to return to school in the first week of June (other than targeted students and the children of key workers). There will be no change to the current arrangements before 15<sup>th</sup> June.** We are considering what we may be able to offer during term 6, and this will be informed following Government guidance and undertaking full risk assessments in school. We will be in touch once more information is available. We are continuing to focus on **student wellbeing and learning**, recognising that remote learning might be with us for some time. The Wren School Staff are all working hard to make sure remote learning is as good as it possibly can be.

I understand that these are anxious times for everyone, and that we will all have different views about the best way to move forward. Thank you to those of you who have responded to our questionnaire, the results of which show that there are yet mixed views about whether parents are likely to send students back to TWS as and when things change. You might like to know that the results of the parents survey show that **most parents** are still **unsure** what they would do as and when the opportunity for more students to return to school arises. These results are not surprising when considering the whole uncertainty around future plans from the Government. In answer to the question "*For parents of Year 10 students, would you send your child to school once we reopen?*" 40% said Yes; 23% were Unsure; 37% said No. In answer to the question: "*For parents of students in Years 7-9, how do you currently feel about your child returning to school before September?*" 26% said Yes; 46% were Unsure; and 28% said No". (There were 142 Y10 responses and 424 responses overall). Once again, **I want to reassure you that my and the Trust's top priority is the wellbeing of The Wren School students and staff.**

**Y9 Options moving into Y10:** In line with other schools we have made the decision **not** to move students into Y10 Option Groups until we know about what is planned for term 6 and beyond. This is to ensure that students are able to start their GCSEs together and learning can be carefully managed. In the meantime, Y9 students must continue working hard with all of the remote learning activities from their teachers.

**Students attending school:** The school has invited a number of students to attend on a regular basis to support with emotional wellbeing and academic progress. A further letter has gone out to some families extending this invite to support specific students. If you have received this letter, please contact the school if you wish to arrange your child having some time in school. We are also open to all children of key workers, if you are a key worker and require your child to attend school, please ensure that you inform us and we can make the necessary arrangements.

**Keeping in contact:** We know that having contact with all our families is really important. During term 5 we have attempted to contact every family. This process has been great in supporting everyone with wellbeing, learning and feeling a valued part of our community. If telephone messages have been left and emails have been sent, please respond, we really want to hear from you. This guidance from the Government might help you navigate some of the choppy Remote Learning waters: [Help children learning at home during the coronavirus pandemic](#)

**Remote Learning:** In light of feedback from Term 5 we are continuing to improve our offer for remote learning in Term 6 as follows:

1. All students will receive **narrated PowerPoints** so they can hear their teacher's voice and their teacher can add detail to the lessons.
2. Each week there will be an **introduction to the learning** which reviews last week's content for increased informal feedback.
3. All students will continue to receive a **fortnightly quiz** so they can monitor and check on their own progress.
4. Y7-9 will receive a **piece of work to be marked early in Term 6** - this will need to be submitted to their teacher via email so that they can receive feedback.
5. Teachers will clearly explain a time in the week when they will be available to answer questions immediately, in addition to the usual email based support, this will be on the instructions on Class Charts (and MS Teams for Y10).
6. There will be a further **literacy and numeracy focus** week at some point in Term 6.
7. **In year 7-9**, work will be set in line with a **timetable** so that students are not overwhelmed by work set. This timetable will account for 3 hours learning per day and within the set lessons there will be *optional additional* work for students who require more. The timetable is as follows:

| Monday                                       | Tuesday                 | Wednesday                                       | Thursday  | Friday  |
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| English<br>Humanities<br>PE <i>Practical</i> | Maths<br>Science<br>Art | English<br>MFL<br>Computer Science<br><br>Music | Maths<br>Science<br>Drama<br><br>PE <i>Theory</i> | Humanities<br>MFL<br>Technology<br>Well-being (Y7 only) |

**Using Office 365:** Many students are informing staff that they cannot access emails. Guidance has been available on the Student Bulletin published each Monday. The details for this are below:

1. Search portal.office.com
2. Enter your email address. Your email address follows this format.
3. w[the year in which you were year 7][first initial][surname]@wren.excalibur.org.uk.

*For example, if Andy Example was in year 7 in 2017 his email would be: [w2017aexample@wren.excalibur.org.uk](mailto:w2017aexample@wren.excalibur.org.uk)*

4. Enter your password. This is the same password you use to log into the school system.
5. Select 'Outlook' the icon is the image on this screen (top right).

#### **Y10 access to MS Teams**

1. Follow steps 1-4 from above.
2. Select 'MS Teams' the icon is the image on this screen (bottom right).

**If you do not know your password contact [admin@wren.excalibur.org.uk](mailto:admin@wren.excalibur.org.uk).**

**Student Wellbeing:** Watch out for the new Wellbeing tab, soon to be added to our website. There will also be a wellbeing journal sent to all students this week. This will have lots of tips, ways to structure your day and ways of monitoring your wellbeing. This will come through ClassCharts. As ever the Wellbeing team is available at [Wellbeing@wren.excalibur.org.uk](mailto:Wellbeing@wren.excalibur.org.uk) for any concerns you or your child may have.

