



BENTON PARK SCHOOL

'Creating a climate for great learning, success and opportunity'

1st July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are staying safe and well during these continued difficult times. Firstly, a huge thank you for the support that you continue to give the school in helping your child with their remote learning and in engaging with the face to face sessions we are offering to Year 10 students. These opportunities have been really successful, and feedback from staff and students has shown them to be extremely valuable in supporting the students' learning.

This has been a very challenging time for us all and particularly for Year 10 students as they work through their GCSE courses in these unusual circumstances. We still await guidance from the Government regarding the expectations in September, however we are exceptionally hopeful that school will be open to all students all of the time, which is what we want more than anything. We are also expecting guidance from the Government about next year's GCSE and A Level exams, and will communicate with you about this as soon as we have any information.

We are currently working on our preparations for September and part of this is to run Academic Review Days on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July. Whilst many students have been able to engage fully with their remote learning and have come into school for the face to face sessions delivered by subject specialists, we appreciate that this has not been possible for all. The Academic Review Days will give your child the opportunity, with their Form Tutor, to undertake a review of their current academic progress, as well as clarify what they need to do in preparation for returning to school in Year 11. To enable these reviews to take place, we will not be setting any new work during the last week of term. This will give your child the opportunity to liaise with their subject teachers through Teams throughout the week to ensure they have completed all of their prior learning ahead of the end of the academic year on Friday 17th July. We will be setting our summer homework tasks during this week, which will also support your child's return in September and their GCSE preparation.

You will receive an invitation to select a time slot for your child to meet with their Form Tutor through the Edulink Parent App. For those parents/carers who have not yet activated access to the Edulink system, we will resend the login details via email on 1st July. Further guidance will also be sent to all parents/carers with details as to how to sign up for the time slots. Once these meetings have been arranged, they will take place at the agreed time slot with the student via their Microsoft Teams account. You, as parents/carers, are most welcome to join these meetings and join in the discussion about your child's progress and next steps.

We have now received confirmation from the Government that schools will be closed to all students throughout the summer. This will enable all of our students and staff to have a well-earned rest and come back refreshed in September. As soon as we have the guidance and clear plans for our return we will communicate them to you. Please be assured that we will work with all of our students to implement effective plans and strategies to support and progress their learning. The planned review days outlined above will support this process and so please encourage your child to fully engage with the meeting. If you need any support in signing up for the appointment through Edulink please email secretary@bentonpark.net and we will be able to help you with this.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to meeting with you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

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