

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I hope you are all keeping well and coping with the many changes that we are facing at this time of great uncertainty.

Last Friday, we sent out letters to you all, explaining what our Continuation of Learning Plans (CoLPs) are from w/c 15 June for your child's year group. We have also emailed separately **years 10 and 12, with information regarding their face-to-face sessions in school from June 15**. I thought it would therefore be useful for you to know what is happening with all of our year groups, so that you have a fuller picture, and to explain the rationale behind our plans.

In accordance with the government publication 'Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak' from June 15, we will be inviting year 10 and 12 students ***'for some face-to-face support from their teachers, to supplement their remote education'***:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures/guidance-for-schools-about-temporarily-closing>,

We are asking secondary schools to offer this face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of year 10 and year 12 pupils, which should remain the predominant mode of education during this term for pupils in these year groups.

Consequently, over the past few weeks we have been very busy working out what this face-to-face provision should look like with our year 10 and 12 students here at Upton High, and also reviewing our online learning provision for **all** year groups.

Our Continuation of Learning Plans (CoLPs) have been designed to enhance the structure, interaction and tracking of our online learning schedule; every lesson will require the students to upload a response (in some format) and this will be acknowledged by the teacher. We will be trialling Google Meet lessons with our year 12s initially, but we are aiming to get the other year groups up and running on Google Meet as soon as possible.

As I am sure you can imagine, given the size of our school community, this has been a complex process.

I am pleased to say that we have had our proposals and Risk Assessments scrutinised and approved by our Full Governing Body.

Last week, we also welcomed back all of our staff to consult on our proposals and to support them with the changes they will be facing, either as face-to-face teachers of year 10 and 12 and/or as providers of remote learning to the rest of our community.

Part of this has included training all staff in the use of **Google Meet**, which is our chosen, live, video-conferencing platform and part of Google Classrooms, used extensively already across our school. Given the specific, educational focus of Google Meet, and the work they have done in responding to the needs of schools in particular, we are certain that our previous safeguarding concerns have now been addressed. Consequently we will be using Google Meet with year 12 students in the first instance **from w/c 15 June** but envisage that it will be quite rapidly rolled out to all year groups, to supplement their new, online Continuation of Learning Plans.

Year Group	Monday 15 June to Friday 17 July inclusive
7	Continuation of Learning Plan at home **
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Year Group	w/c 15 June	w/c 22 June	w/c 29 June	w/c 6 July	w/c 13 July
10	Continuation of Learning Plan at home **				
8.50am - 12pm IN SCHOOL	Form Tutor session – see email sent out individually for which day you are due in	English lesson - see email sent out individually for which day you are due in	Maths lesson - see email sent out individually for which day you are due in	Science lesson - see email sent out individually for which day you are due in	Virtual Work Experience *
12	Continuation of Learning Plan at home <i>including virtual/live lessons via Google Meet</i>				
1pm-3pm IN SCHOOL	Form Tutor session – see individual email for which day you have been allocated	Monday-Thursday Options A, B, C, D respectively – you will only be in school on 3 afternoons per week; see Google Classrooms for your Option Blocks Friday CoLPs at home/Ambitious Applicants*			UCAS, Ambitious Applicants and personal statements *

Please note, yr 10 will only attend one morning session in school per week

Yr 12 will attend one afternoon form tutor session w/c 15 June then 3 afternoon lessons per week w/c 22 June onwards

* Final details to be confirmed

** [Google Meet virtual/live lessons will be rapidly rolled out to all year groups, to support the new, online Continuation of Learning Plans.](#)

Year 10 and 12 have already been contacted individually, with details of the days and dates when they are to attend school for their face-to-face sessions.

Please note that the remote education of year 10 and year 12 students, via our Continuation of Learning Plans, remains the predominant mode of education during this term.

[Arrangements for the Summer Term 2020 Link](#)

Finally, please look at our website by clicking on the above link, where you will find

- Letters sent out to each year group
- The Continuation of Learning Plans for every year group
- Specific information for students in **years 10 and 12** regarding their return on 15 June

- A video, which Miss Tobias has very kindly produced with Mr Wearden, to walk you through what to expect when year 10 and 12 return to school
- Student guides on how to use Google Meet and upload work in Google Classrooms (thanks to Miss McLean!)
- Students' protocols for the safe and acceptable use of Google Meet
- COVID19 Risk Assessments

We are really looking forward to welcoming back our year 10 and 12 students over the coming weeks and to increasing our live learning with all year groups; we have really missed you!

Finally, as you will no doubt understand, we are living in unpredictable times and it is possible that our current plans may change.

Sending you my very best wishes,

Mrs Paula Dixon

Headteacher