

## Parent / Carer Newsletter 6

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We hope that you are all keeping well.

This week has been a busy week as we continue our online learning and to support the small group of students in school. We have also been discussing the implications of the government announcements from the beginning of the week.

### **News about re-opening of schools:**

As you will have seen, the government has outlined provisional plans for primary schools to open for a limited number of year groups from 1 June. In the information that we have received as a school, the government's ambition is that there will be *some* face to face teaching for Y10 and Y12 before the end of the summer term. Importantly, all of these proposals are subject to the rate of infection and are therefore subject to final confirmation of dates from the government.

In the meantime, we are continuing to plan for all of our year groups. New guidelines regarding health and safety measures that need to be in place for the students and staff have been sent to schools and we are working on how we will implement them at All Saints. Any face to face interaction during the summer term will be limited and will look different to a normal day in school. We know that students will need to be kept in small groups, that do not mix with other groups, and that we will need to think about staggering the day for each group of students. We also know that public transport will play a part in enabling many of our students to return to school. We expect there to be further announcements about transportation for secondary students.

For all year groups, online learning will continue to be their main format of study each day and now that we have a clearer idea of the timelines, we are currently working on curriculum plans for each year group for the remainder of the summer term.

We know that you will have many questions and, next week, there will be separate letters sent to parents / carers for each year group in school so that we can explain our plans for each cohort of students.

### **Working at home:**

Many of our students have settled into a routine of home learning and we have been pleased to see students asking questions via email, responding to set work and making progress in their learning. We would like to reassure all students that we know that this period of time of working at home is different to being in school. Alongside our short term plans for the rest of the summer term, we are also looking ahead to the autumn term and beyond so that we can ensure that students cover their curriculum in each year group.

Alongside their subject studies, Y12 students are currently starting their Post 18 applications. They have been working through tutorial work to look at a range of options for when they finish in the Sixth Form and on Monday, they will have a live tutorial session via Teams to talk about their applications.

### **Keeping in touch:**

Our bank of video messages on the website is growing and over the last two weeks, Miss Healy has put together virtual leavers' masses for Y11 and Y13 students. We are also increasing our use of online lessons via Teams on Office 365 and looking at additional online learning technology. Students across the school will be receiving access to Office 365 over the next week or so.

Our students have also been sent a newsletter with ideas and activities. Just a reminder that whilst we recommend websites and links to students in good faith, it is always worth checking the websites that your child is accessing online. A useful government site for keeping your child safe online is: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) There are also useful ideas in the Sheffield Star Learning Supplement <https://learnsheffield.co.uk/Covid-19>

Sending all of our best wishes. Our thoughts and prayers go out to families who are currently affected by illness or bereavement.

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