

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week the government set out an ambition for Year 10 and Year 12 students to have the opportunity for some 'face to face' time in school during Term 6. It is very important to us that as every student remains at home where possible until we are sure that we can invite them into school and also keep them safe. However we also recognise the need to balance this with the fact that the time is growing shorter before they face end-of-course assessments next year. With this in mind, it is quite right that Year 10 and Year 12 should be prioritised.

The distance learning offer for all children across the Cabot Learning Federation is strong and we are keen to ensure that your child is able to engage with that learning over time. Many students are thriving through working at home and we want to support them to continue. Others are struggling a little with either the content of the work or with access to it.

The following section of this letter summarises our current Term 6 education provision arrangements for students in Key Stage 3 and 4.

Key Stage 3 Students

Year 7 and 8 students will continue to receive online learning. We are continually shaping our approach to this and to develop our provision to include some interactive learning led by our teachers in Term 6.

Year 9 students will continue to receive online learning. We are, however, reviewing ways to support transition towards GCSEs and, again, guidance will be forthcoming early in Term 6.

Key Stage 4 Students

Should the Prime Minister announce on Thursday 28 May that the Government intends for schools to welcome more students back into school, we would like to offer all Year 10 students a fortnightly academic mentoring session with a tutor dedicated to addressing with them how they are getting on and any concerns that they have about the work they are undertaking. This support is planned to start in the week beginning 8 June. In addition to this, and in addition to the work already being set (which will continue) we will be offering interactive learning sessions every morning and every afternoon that all students will be able to register to take part in. They can join by logging into Microsoft Teams at home and more information about how to do this will follow at a later date in June. For students without computer access, we will be able to offer *limited* socially distanced access to school computers on site from the week beginning 15 June through a sign-up system.

Key information

1. **All** Year 10 students to continue distance learning at home
2. **All** Year 10 students to have an academic mentoring session every two weeks - online or in person, arranged directly with school
3. **All** Year 10 students can access interactive learning sessions daily by signing up online.
4. **Some** Year 10 students without computer access can book a space on a computer in school.
5. **Some** Year 10 students may be invited on site to take part in face-to-face learning sessions.

More information to follow in week beginning 1 June about how to sign up.

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In addition to this, a *small number* of students in Year 10 will also be invited in to take part in the interactive learning sessions in person. If this applies to your child *we will contact you directly* during the week beginning 1 June.

We believe that by supporting your child to be able to continue their learning at home with the support of staff through academic mentoring and daily 'live and interactive' online sessions, we can support them to take control of their learning, to be independent and to use some of the skills they will later need at college, Post 16, work and university. As time goes on we may be able to invite more students onto site to partake in face-to-face learning sessions to supplement their remote learning experience. The advantage of working as part of the Cabot Learning Federation is that your child will not only be able to access up to 20 interactive sessions a week taught by our school, but also another 80 lessons per week offered by other CLF schools who share a curriculum with us.

It would be very useful if you could complete the following survey to help us to understand how you expect this offer to work for your child. The survey link appears below:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc63bh4b>

We would also like to learn from your child about what they feel they might need as we traverse through Term 6. The link for the student survey appears below:

<https://tinyurl.com/ybamepfv>

This has been a challenging period of time for all of us. There is nothing we, as a school, want more than to return to a normal situation and welcome our students back into our community where we can support them to achieve their best. When the time is right this is exactly what we will do. I would like to thank all of the King's Oak staff for their continued hard work and for adapting so quickly to a different way of working. Some of the examples of students' work that I have had shared with me over recent weeks demonstrates that students and families continue to engage where possible with the online provision we are putting in place. I would like to thank you for this because I understand that supporting your child/ren to learn from home is not always straightforward. We will continue to work in the best interests of our students and our staff until a time where we can bring everyone back together into our community.

I wish you all a very happy half term and I will be in touch again soon.

Kind Regards,



Katherine Ogden
Associate Principal