MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are busy planning for September and I do appreciate there are many questions about what the school provision will look like. Please bear with us as we are still waiting for national government guidance, but we very much hope to be fully open if we can be.

It was wonderful to meet so many of our Y10 and Y12 students throughout the week. The importance of faceto-face contact cannot be underestimated and following a successful first two weeks, we are now moving to small groups of students having lessons with their class teacher in the core subjects for Y10 and every subject in Y12. <u>Please ensure your child attends their allotted appointment.</u>

A reminder below of the important safety measure we have put in place to keep all staff and students' safe at all times. <u>Click here to see a video of these safety measures across the school.</u>

1. Visitors to the school are by appointment only. If you need to come in to the school to talk about anything, i.e. Vouchers, books, please call and make an appointment. Please continue to call or message the school if you require support.

What can we do to help ensure safety when travelling to school?

Where possible ensure your child walks, cycles or is dropped to school in a car, rather than using public transport. Ensure your child arrives on time for their slot and doesn't travel to or from school with friends. If your child or someone at home has symptoms of coronavirus do not send them to school. If your child has symptoms they should self-isolate for 7 days and not come to school. If someone else in the household has symptoms, everyone else should self-isolate for 14 days and so your child should not come to school.

Thank you for your patience and support during this time and we look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to school.

Online Learning: DWHS - Your Learning Schedule Next week, 29th June online learning continues for Y7, 8, 9, & 12. Click here to access all the DWHS Learning Schedule

Year 10 Exam Final Week – 29th June – 3rd July

Year 10 will continue, please note Friday afternoon is 'catch up' for any student who still has an assessment to complete. It is important for your child to attend the onsite lesson at the allotted time. The exam can be taken at any point during the day.



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The timetable below outlines the subjects your son/daughter will be expected to complete and upload/submit each day during the exam week:

Week 2 Monday 29th June- Friday 3rd July	Week 2 Monday	y 29 th June-	Friday	/ 3 rd July
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Date	Subject 1	Subject 2	
Monday	English Lang	French	
Tuesday	BTEC DIT	DT	
Wednesday	Biology	Sociology	
Thursday	Geography	Citizenship	
Friday	Spanish	Catch up day	

In order to make these exams as meaningful as possible, it is essential for your child to sit them in as close to exam conditions as possible in the circumstances.

Support with learning resources

Some of you have asked for exercise books to record or write some responses. Whilst we are encouraging the use of online submissions, we are more than happy to provide any students with exercise books if they so wish. If your child needs an exercise book, then please request by completing the online form <u>click here</u>.

Free School Meals

Any family whose financial situation may have recently changed due to the events caused by the COVID -19 outbreak please contact the school and we can provide you with support in applying for Free School Meals. Please check the school website to check if your child is eligible <u>click here</u> for more information. If you require further support with this matter, please complete the <u>online form</u> stating you specifically need support with the FSM application.

Keyworkers, children with an ECHP and those that meet the vulnerable definition set by the Government

Presently the school remains open for all children of Key Workers, children with an ECHP and those that meet the vulnerable definition set by the Government. If you fall under this category and require a place for your son or daughter, please contact us by completing this form: <u>Click here</u>

Where to turn to for help

It is okay to not be okay. We all need someone to talk to sometimes. If you feel overwhelmed, at risk of abuse or experiencing financial need, there are people you can call on for support.

Organisation	Contact details
CALM - If you identify as male, call the campaign against living miserably Available 5pm–midnight every day	Telephone 0800 58 58 58



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Helplines partnership, directory of UK helplines	www.helplines.org/helplines/(link is external)
Kooth - Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people. Available Monday - Friday, 12pm – 10pm, Saturday - Sunday 6 - 10pm	<u>www.kooth.com(link is external)</u>
Mind - Call, text or email for signposting to support in your area	Telephone 0300 123 3393 Text 86463 Email <u>info@mind.org.uk(link sends e-mail)</u>
Papyrus - Under 35 and struggling with suicidal feelings, or concerned about a young person who might be struggling. Open weekdays 10am-10pm, weekends and bank holidays 2-10pm	Telephone 0800 068 4141 Text 07786 209 697 Email <mark>pat@papyrus-uk.org(link sends e-mail)</mark>
Samaritans - To talk about anything that is upsetting you Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year	116 123 (free from any phone) Email jo@samaritans.org(link sends e-mail)
SANEline - If you are experiencing a mental health problem or supporting someone else. Available 4.30pm–10.30pm every day	Telephone 0300 304 7000
Shout - In a crisis? Anxious? Worried? Stressed?	Text 'shout' for 24/7 text service support 85258
Somali Helpline Advice, family support, counselling, information and signposting Available Monday-Friday 4-9 pm	0800 542 6855
Switchboard - If you identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, you can call Switchboard, open 10am– 10pm every day. Phone operators all identify as LGBT+	Telephone 0300 330 0630 Email <u>chris@switchboard.lgbt(link sends e-mail)</u> Webchat <u>https://switchboard.lgbt/help/(link</u> is external)
The Mix (under 25) open Sunday-Friday 2pm–11pm	Telephone0808 808 4994 Webchat <u>www.themix.org.uk</u>

We want to continue to work closely with all our students and their families. In this very different time, we have found strength in working together. Please do stay safe and take care. Our thoughts are with you and your families.



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Yours faithfully,

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