MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your families are well, as this lockdown period continues.

Well done year 7 & 8 on completion of your end of year exams, I have had a lot of good feedback from your teachers about how you have engaged with the tests. Next week, 8^{th} June -12^{th} June years 7-9 will continue with their online learning programme. Click here for the <u>next online learning schedule</u>.

In my last letter I explained I would share when Y10 and 12 would be returning to school and what their programme would look like.

What are we offering our students?

We would like to see every year 10 student for a 30 minute 1-1 slot with a teacher. The aim of this is to check in with the student, offer academic mentoring and support with their GCSE studies and act as a bridge between the student and their teachers, offering feedback from teachers and requests for support from students. Each student will be offered two slots before the summer holidays.

Year 12 will receive academic subject specific input in small groups (no more than 3 in a group with a subject teacher) to address individual learning gaps and encourage peer to peer interaction.

How are we maintaining safety?

This route has been designed to minimise contact with others as much as possible: each student will only meet with one staff member and no students. Each student's slot will be at 10 minute intervals so we don't have more than one student arriving at school at a time. Each teacher will only be meeting a maximum of four students so as to minimise contact. The adult and student will maintain social distancing. Each classroom will be thoroughly cleaned after each use. Each student will wash hands on entering and exiting the school building.

What can we do to help ensure safety?

Where possible ensure your child walks, cycles or is dropped to school in a car, rather than using public transport. If your child wears gloves on the journey to school we will ask them to remove them upon entering the building, so as not to transfer anything from the gloves into the school building. All students will be asked to wash their hands as they enter the building using our hand sanitiser units which will be positioned in our reception areas. 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.

































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Next Steps

Mr Ramsland and Mrs Dawson will be sending each student a letter which will include a time when your son/daughter will be expected to attend. Closer to the time I will write to parents/carers of Y10 and Y12 explaining how we are social distancing and keeping students safe during this period of time. I will also explain in detail our amended behaviour policy during COVID-19.

Thank you for your patience and support during this time.

Online Learning: DWHS - Your Learning Schedule

Next week, 8th June the online learning programme will continue for all students. <u>Click here to access the DWHS</u> <u>Learning Schedule.</u>

Year 7 & 8 Reports

You will receive a report week beginning 30 June which will look a little different to the report you usually receive. This report will include the end of year assessment mark for each subject your child sat an exam. Due to the current situation the report will not include any other information.

Year 10 exams

Year 10 exams will begin on the week beginning Monday 22nd June 2020 and last for two weeks.

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: Click here

Where to turn to for help

It's 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.

































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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
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	www.kooth.com(link is external)
	Telephone 0300 123 3393
Mind - Call, text or email for signposting to	Text 86463
support in your area	Email info@mind.org.uk(link sends e-mail)
Papyrus - Under 35 and struggling with	
suicidal feelings, or concerned about a young	
person who might be struggling.	Telephone 0800 068 4141
Open weekdays 10am-10pm, weekends and bank	Text 07786 209 697
holidays 2-10pm	Email pat@papyrus-uk.org(link sends e-mail)
Samaritans - To talk about anything that is	
upsetting you	116 123 (free from any phone)
Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year	Email jo@samaritans.org(link sends e-mail)
SANEline - If you're 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,	Telephone 0300 330 0630
bisexual or transgender, you can call	Email chris@switchboard.lgbt(link sends e-mail)
Switchboard, open 10am–10pm every day. Phone	Webchat https://switchboard.lgbt/help/(link is
operators all identify as LGBT+	rnal)
The Mix (under 25) open Sunday-Friday 2pm-	Telephone0808 808 4994
11pm	Webchat www.themix.org.uk

































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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.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh Headteacher































