



21st May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to Catherine Brooker's letter last week, as a group of Areté Learning Trust leaders we have been reviewing the national situation very carefully.

We do know that there will most definitely not be full year groups returning to school in Years 10 and 12 over the next half term. We are also very aware that for the majority of our students, whilst no replacement for classroom lessons, online learning is working effectively and any programme of support has to supplement our online provision, rather than be any distraction from it.

In light of the above, we are currently planning a series of academic review meetings for students in Years 10 and 12 to take place next half term - these may be virtual or face-to-face based upon students' and parents' wishes. They will provide opportunities for students in both year groups to have a supportive and helpful dialogue with staff to achieve the following aims:

- to review the strengths and areas in need of further focus from students' home learning programmes so far;
- to enable staff to adjust the programme of online learning in light of the above;
- to inform longer term planning for the remainder of the academic year and into next year; and,
- to establish positive and direct interaction between staff and students.

We will contact you again as soon as possible after 1 June with details of how your son/daughter can sign up for his/her review, which will take place over the remainder of the summer term. We will also ask your son/daughter to discuss the aims of his/her review with you prior to it taking place in order to facilitate as purposeful and positive an interaction for both students and staff as possible.

Please be assured that our planning is taking into account all health and safety guidance available to us.





We look forward to meeting your son/daughter again in the very near future. In the meantime, and to help with our current planning, we will also be sending you a short questionnaire to establish your intentions regarding the academic review which can be held in person or online so that nobody misses out.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs H. L. Millett
Headteacher

