

30 June 2020

Dear parent/carers

**Year 10 update**

Thank you for your support as we have adapted to a blended learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. I have been hugely impressed by the hard work, resilience and determination shown by our students in their approach to their studies. I have also enjoyed meeting many of our students as we have re-opened for face-to-face sessions over the past two weeks. We have initially focussed on English, Maths and Science but this has now been extended to Languages and Humanities for the next two weeks. The feedback from staff and students who have attended the site has been overwhelmingly positive and they have commented that plans are robust, the site is exceedingly well-organised and that they feel safe. If your child has not yet attended a face-to-face session but you now wish to take up this offer please contact Miss Maycock via email ([l.maycock@dukeries.atrust.org.uk](mailto:l.maycock@dukeries.atrust.org.uk)) or by phone on 01623 860545.

In line with all academies in the Academy Transformation Trust I made the decision not to enter any students for examinations at the end of Year 10. As a result, students will not receive a Centre Assessment Grade. Students will now sit all of their examinations at the end of Year 11. Plans are being developed to ensure that a robust 'recovery curriculum' and a programme of targeted interventions are in place to ensure your child achieves excellent results next summer. I will be writing to you in the coming weeks with full details of our plans.

As part of our work to identify gaps in learning all Year 10 students completed assessments last week. My team will be contacting you if your child has not submitted these assessments. Staff are currently marking these and will provide feedback in due course. You will also receive an end of term report during week beginning 6 July 2020. This report will provide target grades, a Home Learning assessment grade, a Home Learning engagement grade and a Home Learning quality grade. I hope you will find this information useful.

Please do not hesitate in contacting the Academy if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's provision or progress.

Kind regards



Mr Ged Rae  
**Principal**