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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 12,

After so many conversations about how we are all so desperate to get back to Sixth Form, catch up with each other and push on with our learning, I am pleased to share our schedule of in-school teaching and learning this term.

In light of the Government delaying the return to Sixth Form to 15 June, we have chosen to stick with our original plan of ensuring each subject in Year 12 has a full dedicated subject enrichment day, which builds and develops on prior learning.

The planned Block A enrichment day is still going ahead as scheduled but it will now be delivered online. This ensures students in this option block are given the same amount of dedicated time with their teachers this term.

Date	Option block and subject
Friday 5 June	Block A: ONLINE Business Psychology
Friday 19 June	Block B: IN SCHOOL Biology Geography History Criminology
Friday 3 July	Block C: IN SCHOOL English Literature Photography Psychology Sport BTEC *Health and Social Care: the enrichment day for this subject will be taught online on this day. Mrs O'Sullivan will share more information about the day closer to the time.
Friday 17 July	Block D: IN SCHOOL Criminology Mathematics
CONTINUED ONLINE Continue to work online with teachers in meeting the course expectations	Enrichment subjects timetabled on Wednesdays EPQ Sports Leaders Finance Work Experience

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- Where students have another subject lesson timetabled on the Friday they are attending an enrichment day, it is their responsibility to let the teacher know before the lesson they will be absent and agree what work will need to be caught up and when it will be handed in. Students are expected to use their study sessions to catch up on any work they miss on a Friday due to subject lesson clashes with the enrichment day.
- Students will be asked to arrive at School at staggered times and their groups will have breaks at staggered times, or in different venues. Details of staggered arrival and departure times will be shared before the in-school enrichment day on Google Classroom to help you plan ahead.
- We have no control over the transport provision and the coach companies will have their own risk assessments in place. We understand that there will be some transport available; to request transport, or for further information regarding the transport provision in place, please click on this link, which will take you to the School Transport section on Buckinghamshire Council's website:
[Buckinghamshire Council School Transport Contact Us](#)
- We encourage students to walk or cycle (or be driven) to School and will allow bikes to be stored on the MUGA, locked to the fence.
- Our dining facilities are too cramped for social distancing - all students will need to bring a packed lunch and these will be eaten in their groups.
- Year 12 students will be in School up to three times between 15th June and the summer break. The current distance learning provision will continue throughout for these students - their visits to school will enhance, not replace this.
- We expect 100% of our students to engage with online provision, even if they are not able to attend School. Students not able to attend the School sessions will be expected to attend the day through Google Meet and fully participate.

In addition to this letter, we have included an addendum to the Behaviour for Learning Policy and a link to the Re-opening of School Risk Assessment, both of which are also available to view on our website.

We expect all Year 12 to continue registering each week with their tutor and attending all online lessons. If a student is unwell and unable to attend their online lessons, the parent should email the form tutor and Mrs Gibson-Smith by 9am on the day of absence. Contacting the School when your child is absent is usual practice when the School is open, this is still the case; the only change being the method of contact. Their form tutor will then make their teachers for the day aware of their absence and both their form tutor and teacher(s) will support your child in catching up with work missed.

In addition to their distance and in-school learning, this term students will also continue working on their UCAS applications and research the career pathways on offer to them.

We are expecting to find out this term how the Exam Boards are responding to the disruption in learning for Year 12 students. We will contact you again when we are clear about what this means to our students.

Overall, we have been really proud of how our students have adapted so quickly, grown in resilience and are still going above and beyond in their studies as well as actively supporting their communities throughout this challenging time.

We look forward to a very productive term ahead. We have said all along that it is important for Year 12 to 'up their game' each term, so they are ready for the 'jump' in expectations in Year 13. If you have any queries about how your child is getting on, please do not hesitate to contact the form tutor in the first instance. If your child has lost motivation, needs some advice on how to organise their studies and use their time more effectively, we have lots of strategies we can share with your child to overcome these hurdles, so please do get in touch.

Stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

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