

8th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Further information for Year 12 Students (supporting the letter from Mr Jupp, Headteacher)

Since March, the Barr's Hill Virtual School has been using Microsoft Teams with Year 12 as a platform for students to continue their learning. Students attend pre-agreed lessons or tutorials for each of their subjects every week. Teachers have also provided materials for all students to support them in their learning through the files tab in their subject Teams. This will continue even though students in Year 12 will now be asked to start attending school for one-to-one, face-to-face meetings with members of staff. Students will still be expected to engage with their online lessons alongside these short meetings. Students will continue to be assessed and progress will still be monitored.

Every student in Year 12 will be offered a short, weekly one-to-one meeting with a member of staff onsite that will last approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour. The meeting will be held in the same classroom every week with the member of staff and student adhering to the social distancing guidelines (at least 2 metres apart). This classroom will not be used for any other purposes. All surfaces used during the meeting, including chairs, will be sanitised appropriately between appointments. No more than 3 Year 12 students will be onsite at any one time and all students will be required to use hand sanitiser as they enter and leave the school. All students must enter through main reception and arrival times will be staggered. No uniform will be required but we suggest that students wear clothes that are easily washable.

What is the purpose of these one-to-one, face-to-face meetings?

The purpose of this weekly meeting is to discuss the student's engagement with the Virtual School, including attendance at online lessons and completion of work, as well as to provide each student with the opportunity to discuss or raise any concerns they may have. The member of staff leading the meeting will be in regular contact with all subject teachers, Hub staff and parents, where necessary. Some students who are engaging well with the Virtual School may wish to use this meeting to discuss additional academic activities they can do at this time. It is also an opportunity for supportive discussions to take place around post-18 destinations, including support in writing UCAS applications and personal statements, attending online open-days, exploring Apprenticeships and online work-experience opportunities. Students and staff may also wish to discuss wellbeing and ways to manage stress, anxiety and low mood at this time. Bespoke support will be offered, for example, study timetables can be created to support engagement with the Virtual School and enrichment activities may well be suggested.

Next Steps

Each year 12 student will receive a phone call this week from the school to arrange a time for their weekly meeting. This will also be an opportunity for any concerns to be raised and for us to answer any questions you may have.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at holmes.L3@barrshill.coventry.sch.uk .

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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