

Friday 22 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Term 6 for Year 10 Students

What unusual times we are living in! Before I set out our plans for Term 6, I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate my thanks for the phenomenal efforts made by all our parents, carers and staff. We are a great community that has unified in the face of a challenge none of us envisaged a few months ago. I would like to make an especial thank you to all of our young people – they have been brilliant.

Last week the government set out an ambition for Year 10 and Year 12 students to have the opportunity for some 'face to face' time in school during Term 6. It is very important to us that every student remains at home where possible until we are sure that we can invite them into school and also keep them safe. However, we also recognise the need to balance this with the fact that the time is growing shorter before they face end-of-course assessments next year. With this in mind, it is quite right that Year 10 and Year 12 should be prioritised.

The distance learning offer for all children across the Cabot Learning Federation is strong and we are keen to ensure that your child is able to engage with that learning over time. Many students are thriving through working at home and we want to support them to continue. Others are struggling a little with either the content of the work or with access to it.

Should the Prime Minister announce on Thursday 28 May that the Government intends for schools to welcome more students back into school, we would like to offer **all Year 10 students** a fortnightly academic mentoring session with a member of the Broadoak team. This session will be dedicated to addressing with them how they are getting on and any concerns that they have about the work they are undertaking. These sessions will be mainly online via Microsoft Teams. In addition, tutors will continue to check-in via telephone calls on a fortnightly basis.

The distance learning via Show My Homework will also continue and alongside this we will be offering live learning sessions at published times each day, which Year 10 students will be able to access. Students can join by logging into Microsoft Teams at home and more information about how to do this will follow later in June. For students without computer access we will be inviting them into school to access their learning. A member of the team will contact you if you are in this category. A *small number* of students in Year 10 will also be invited onsite to be supported with their learning and if this applies to your child *we will contact you directly* later in June.

Key Information

1. **All** Year 10 students to continue distance learning at home
2. **All** Year 10 students to have an academic mentoring session every two weeks - online or in person, arranged directly with school
3. **All** Year 10 students will be able to access live learning sessions daily
4. **Some** Year 10 students without computer access can book a space on a computer in school
5. **Some** Year 10 students may be invited into school to be supported in their learning.

More information to follow *later in June* about how to sign up.

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We believe that by supporting your child to be able to continue their learning at home with the support of staff through academic mentoring and daily 'live' online sessions, we can support them to take control of their learning, to be independent and to use some of the skills they will later need at college, Post 16, work and university. As time goes on, we may be able to invite more students onto site to partake in live learning sessions to supplement their online learning experience. The advantage of working as part of the Cabot Learning Federation is that your child will not only be able to access 10 live sessions a week taught by our school, but also another 80 lessons per week offered by other CLF schools who share a curriculum with us.

It would be very useful if you could complete the following survey to help us to understand how you expect this offer to work for your child. The survey link appears below:

[Year 10 Parent/Carer Response Form June 2020](https://tinyurl.com/yc63bh4b) (<https://tinyurl.com/yc63bh4b>)

We would also like to learn from your child about what they feel they might need as we traverse through Term 6. The link for the student survey appears below:

[Year 10 Student Response Form June 2020](https://tinyurl.com/ybamepfv) (<https://tinyurl.com/ybamepfv>)

Please remember that if we can support you in any way please contact us via parents@broadoakacademy.clf.uk

Yours faithfully

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