



22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I sincerely hope that you and your family are keeping well and staying safe.

We have all had to endure a very challenging period of time and the impact on our students' education is significant and very damaging. My staff have been working hard to provide as much learning as possible through a number of mediums, whether it be live lessons to Year 12 classes or on line resources for each subject. We shall continue to do all we can, but we do need our parents' support to ensure that every student is making time to complete the work that is being set. It is so encouraging to see that over 80% of students in each year group have regularly been engaging with or completing all the work set.

### ***So, how have we continued to keep your child learning?***

#### Year 10 School Bubble

I am pleased to tell you that this is highly successful. The detail of our planning and systems ensures that students and staff feel safe and supported. The feedback from staff and students has been extremely positive. We expect ALL Year 10 students to return to school as per their schedule which is for one morning each week. The on-site lessons will now focus on teaching the students specific knowledge and it will be followed-up through the on-line learning where students will apply the knowledge from the on-site lesson. Therefore, any student not attending, is immediately missing out on some direct teaching.

Year 10 parents, unless your child is within the excluded medical category, please ensure your child comes into school for their morning session – it is so important that we begin to resume their learning. We want every Year 10 student to have returned to school before the end of term.

#### Year 12 School Bubble

Over the last week the students have had some great lessons to prepare them for their future opportunities and for University. The topics covered range from Apprenticeships to developing their personal statement. The Year 12 students are now fully equipped to go away and write their personal statement as part of the UCAS preparation. In the coming weeks, they will have small group or individual tutorials to enable them to improve and refine their statements so that they achieve an excellent statement ready for their UCAS application.

#### Year 7-9 Pilot tutor group tutorials

We know the importance of students and staff coming together to see each other, to have some social interaction and to support each other. Last week, we piloted the tutorials which allowed members of a tutor group to meet with their form tutor and all the other members of the tutor group through a TEAMS meeting. The feedback has been absolutely lovely! The students have so enjoyed seeing their class colleagues and engaging with each other. The form tutors had told us that it has been such a great pleasure to see their tutor group and to interact with them

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all as a group. Very soon, you will receive a date and time when your child should be engaging in their tutor group tutorial. Please ensure that you check your child is participating as it is proving to be so popular and enjoyable and we want our students to begin their social interaction with their tutor group.

#### Community Classroom Bubble for Keyworkers and vulnerable students

We completed the first week on the William Parker campus and we have also adapted the programme. The students certainly have enjoyed a change of venue and a range of learning activities and fun events. These students have developed wonderful new relationships across year groups and they continue to enjoy working together and having fun together. It is as if they have created their own Alexandra Academy family!

#### On-line Learning

A huge thank you to those parents who have ensured that their child is continuously engaging with the on-line learning. By ensuring this engagement, you are undoubtedly reducing the learning gap for your child – well done parents and thank you!

We will be contacting and completing home visits to families where there has not been any or only minimal engagement. We will offer as much support as possible as we need ALL students to continue their learning through the rest of this term and into the summer.

#### Year 11 and Year 13 results Day

We are yet to have any final details as to when and how students will receive their GCSE, A level or BTEC results. We will inform parents and students as soon as we have this information.

#### Planning for September 2020

We desperately want our students back in school - as soon as is possible. Whilst the Government has made various statements related to September, no definite decision has yet been made. However, we are planning for ALL students to return, whether it be to a normal full school day or whether it be an adapted school day or week. We can readily see the success of our detailed planning for the Year 10 and Year 12 school and we are already developing plans to ensure we can increase the scale and capacity ready for September.

We will not have final details until the Government makes a formal announcement. When they do, we will contact you as soon as is possible.

In the meantime, please, please keep checking that your child is engaging with their on-line learning and if your child is in Year 10 or Year 12, please ensure they attend for their scheduled sessions.

Please continue to check the web site and don't forget the parents FAQs.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,



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