

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I am really looking forward to see the return of my year group in person next Monday!! Even though we have all been in regular communication and I have seen the students daily via Teams, I am still so excited to be able to share time with them in the classroom and catch up with them all.

A couple of important notices from me:

- **Return to school arrangements for Year 10**

I am hoping that you all received Mr Mac's letter on Thursday but if not, I have attached it to this email for you. As the letter states, Year 10 will be returning to the Academy from **8.30am on Monday 8th March**. Each mentor group will have an allotted arrival time in order for us to administer and process the lateral flow tests. You will be notified of these timings in due course and students must **not** arrive before their time please. Students should arrive and enter via the normal school entrance, and line up socially distanced in the rose garden. Students will be back into normal "face to face" lessons in the Year 10 bubble corridor from Lesson 3. When leaving/entering the site from Monday afternoon, they will revert back to the side gate entrance as usual.

All students must have the COVID testing permission form completed by Monday March 1st. Please see link to this below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IXlxjomlWk2nV7M1RvosY28V88UTCt5HpuAeS0ybNQdUMVRNME8yRVJORlo4MENLNVZIVpWN0IHWS4u>

To support our successful return to face to face teaching, all students will have independent lessons next week on **Thursday 4th** and **Friday 5th March**. These will be set on Show My Homework in the normal way.

- **Attitude to Learning**

We are aware this Academic Year has provided many challenges for our whole school community. It is now vital for all students to return ready to immerse themselves in the remainder of their studies in Year 10. Within lessons, students need to demonstrate focus, resilience and a positive attitude to learning in order to achieve the grades they desire. As their Head of Year, I am here to support their learning to ensure that they are working at their very best. I know students may feel anxious and concerned about the impact upon their progress and learning, but I can assure you we are all here to support their journey to GCSE's in 2022.

- **Virtual Work Experience opportunity**

Speakers for Schools are offering a variety of really interesting Virtual Work Experience opportunities – anything from 1-2 hour employer engagement presentations up to 5 day projects working with companies. Students have been emailed this information already however please follow the link below to more information about the fantastic opportunities on our school website:

<https://www.tbowa.org/support-staff-application-form/learning-from-home/emails-home/year-10>

- **Online Safety**

This week, our Act of Collective worship focused around Online Safety and "Netiquette." Please see attached newsletter which provides advice and information about how you can support keeping your child safe online.

- **PE Department Notices**

The PE department have been busy filming some skills and drills for you to complete at home to improve your netball and football skills. Please give the videos a try each week to improve your performance.

Week 1 Football focus – Dribbling <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhg-rUgAAX0&feature=youtu.be>

Week 1 Netball focus – Passing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmzrgVhubPU&feature=youtu.be>

We also have a really exciting opportunity for you to take part in a 3km run regional competition. You will be competing against local schools in the area. The competition is for all year groups and parents to get involved in! Please find all the details in the video - https://youtu.be/fNG_fzLPGsU
If you have any questions please email Mr Cowland – mco@tbowa.org

- **Yellow Buses**

Yellow Buses are planning on returning their dedicated school bus services to normal from 8th March, in line with Government and Council advice.

This includes any duplicate buses that may be operated to your school in order to accommodate all students appropriately on a duplicate vehicle that is funded by the Department for Education, as we did prior to Christmas.

I am aware there is a lot of information provided in this email. As always if you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's mentor in the first instance. The wellbeing of our students is paramount, and as a year team are here to support in every way that we can.

Have a lovely weekend,

Rachel Pelling