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Dear Parents and Carers

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 prioritise 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 tutor. This will be dedicated to addressing with them how they are getting on and any concerns that they have about the work they are undertaking. In addition to this, and in addition to the work already being set (which will continue), we will be offering a live learning session every morning and every afternoon that **all students** will be able to register to take part in. They can join by logging into Microsoft Teams at home and more information about how to do this will follow at a later date in June. For students without computer access, we will be able to offer socially distanced access to school computers on site through a sign-up system on a first come, first served basis. In addition to this, a *small number* of students in Year 10 will be invited in to take part in the live learning sessions in person, and if this applies to your child *we will contact you directly* later in June.

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.

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 can access live learning sessions daily by signing up online.
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 on site to take part in live learning sessions in person.

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

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:

<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:

<https://tinyurl.com/ybamepfv>

Yours faithfully



Mr Tony Searle

Principal