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Dear Parents

As you know, following the Prime Minister's announcement on 24th May, we have been planning on the basis that from the week beginning 15th June, we could invite students in year 10 back into school for some-face-to-face support from their teachers.

The Department for Education has stated that this face-to-face support should supplement the remote learning, which is to remain the predominant mode of education for this term.

We will continue, of course, to provide a programme to support the learning of students in all year groups.

The DfE has made it clear that we can only have one-quarter of the year group attending the school site on any one day. It is important to understand that, as a result, students will only be able to spend a very limited amount of time back at school before the summer.

For us, it seems most sensible to divide the year group according to the houses. Each house will attend on a specific day as follows:

<b>Discovery</b>	Mondays
<b>Endeavour</b>	Tuesdays
<b>Pioneer</b>	Thursdays
<b>Voyager</b>	Fridays

Wednesdays will be kept largely free, save for some targeted sessions, to allow the site team to undertake a deeper clean.

We think it is important for the students to be able to spend time with their own teachers. Each day will consist of sessions for English, maths and science as well as subjects from their GCSE options on rotation.

The day will start at 9:45 am and finish by 2:30 pm and the timetable will run for the four weeks from 15th June.

You will appreciate that there has been much that we have needed to consider to ensure that our students, albeit smaller in number, can return safely to the school. Please note the following:

- Almost exclusively, all sessions will take place in either the maths or English classrooms. This will ensure that we can target the cleaning in fewer areas of the school

- The timetable has been devised to allow each room to be cleaned between every session. Additional cleaning materials have also been placed in every room
- Rooms have been rearranged to ensure the required social distancing. Tables have been marked to indicate seating allocations
- Tape and other markers have been used in classrooms and in various places on the site to support socially distant spacing being maintained
- Students will be expected to wash their hands before every session throughout the day
- The lunch/break period is staggered to reduce numbers potentially mixing
- Students will be expected to be entirely self-sufficient - no materials will be available to them and no lunch will be provided
- Students will not be required to wear their uniform when they attend
- On arrival, students should go to the main school tennis courts where they will be met and directed to line in their specific teaching groups before being escorted, via the sinks, to their designated classroom
- One-way systems will be in operation and staff will be on hand to ensure proper distancing is in place during session transitions
- Staff, including those from the pastoral teams, will be on-hand to provide any further support as required during the day

We will, of course, expect all students to behave in a way that ensures social distancing and other protective measures.

We have completed a series of risk assessments and protocols, the key ones of which will be available for you to view on our website. These will continue to be developed as new information becomes available. Your comments on these are welcomed ([hparry@oathall.org](mailto:hparry@oathall.org)).

For a number of reasons, it might be that certain members of staff will be unable to attend. Under these circumstances, alternative arrangements will be made for any of the sessions affected.

Further guidance and specific arrangements will be sent out later this week as appropriate.

I hope you feel confident that the measures we are putting in place will secure the safety of your children and of course the staff when they are attending on-site.

We very much look forward to seeing students in year 10 returning to Oathall next week.

Kind regards

Edward Rodriguez  
Headteacher