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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Re: Update from the Principal 22nd May 2020

The first half of the summer term is now drawing to a close and I am pleased to say that with your assistance the college has continued to successfully deliver remote learning to all students in all year groups along with an extensive programme of pastoral and academic support.

The government recently announced that Secondary schools should prepare to open to students in Year 10 and 12 to provide some face to face time in school for them before the summer break. As a result, the college has put a detailed plan in place to provide some onsite provision for students in these year groups which will supplement their remote learning on a part time basis and I can assure you that planning has included an exhaustive health and safety risk assessment for students and staff. I must clearly state that this plan will only be put into action once it is judged safe to open the college to more students. We are awaiting a further announcement from the government on the 28th May which will help inform this decision. At present the aim is to start this provision on the 8th June, but this date will be put back if it is still not safe to open. Parents of year 10 and 12 students will be contacted directly with more details about the arrangements once the college has decided that wider opening can go ahead.

The government decision also means that unfortunately students in all other year groups will not return to St Michaels before September and therefore, it is important that all students make the most of the opportunities provided to continue their learning remotely. Students will be given a break from work over the half term and remote learning will resume again on Google classroom on Monday 1st June. College summer assessments will take place remotely for students in Years 7-10 and 12 during the week of 15th June and revision work will be set during the first two weeks of the next half term. Parents will also receive an end of term report for students in these year groups which will take into account remote learning and report on summer term assessment grades. Students in Year 11 and 13 will be supported to complete transition work to help them prepare for the next stage of their education and this will include a virtual 6th form induction programme for Year 11 students who have applied to St Michael's Sixth form in September.

I appreciate that the current situation is challenging for many of you and please do contact me via contact@stmichaelscollege.org.uk if you have any concerns or queries. I would also appreciate any feedback parents have about the provision we currently have in place, as despite the complexities of remote learning our aim is to provide the very best we can to support all of our students and families.

Thank you for your continued support and I will continue to keep you all in my prayers. I hope you stay safe and well and I ask you to please pray for those in our community who have been adversely affected by the Covid-19 outbreak, especially those who have been recently bereaved.

Yours faithfully

Ms F. Corcoran

Principal



