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Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Provision for St Michael's students for the remainder of the summer term

Please find information below about the remote learning provision and expectations for each year group for this half term. More detailed information will be provided separately to parents/guardians of students in Year 10 and 12 once it is available and ahead of any wider opening to students in those year groups which is now proposed to take place from 15th June.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9

Recent guidance from the government states that students will unfortunately not be returning to the college before the end of the summer term. Students will therefore continue to learn remotely via Google classroom and regular checks on work submitted and support will be provided by Leaders of Learning and members of the Senior Leadership Team.

For students in these year groups the remote learning provision for the remainder of the summer is as follows: 2 weeks of revision, 1 week of assessments and 4 weeks of remote learning in all subjects included some extended project work. This will be complemented by ongoing CPHSE activities provided by tutors via Google classroom and a variety of House competitions including a virtual sports day and an end of term year group celebration. I can clarify that assessments set will not be formal end of year examinations as such but will instead take the form of end of topic/unit tests and will be open book as we are aware that students will have access to their exercise books and other resources at home. I can also confirm that the assessments will not inform any set changes for the next academic year but will be used to identify strengths and gaps in learning which can then be followed up by subject teachers.

Students in Years 10 and 12

Recent guidance from the government states that these students should be offered some face to face provision from 15th June. I can confirm that this face to face provision will not replace remote learning but will supplement it. The remote learning schedule for students in these year groups will be as follows: 2 weeks of revision, 1 week of assessments and 4 weeks of remote learning in all subjects This will be complemented by ongoing CPHSE activities provided by tutors via Google classroom and a variety of House competitions including a virtual sports day and an end of term year group celebration. Assessments will be open book as we are aware that students have access to their books and other resources at home and will mostly take the form of extended written work or suitable practice exam style questions.



The provisional plan for face to face support for Year 10 and 12 from 15th June is as follows:

Year 10

- Students in Year 10 will be divided into 4 groups. Each group will be given 2 days of onsite teaching per fortnight either Mon+ Tues or Thurs+ Fri. Students will be assigned their groups and is not possible to select which days they will attend.
- Each Year 10 group will be subdivided into 2 groups on the 2 days they are in, the 2 groups will have different arrival and dismissal times, their own designated classroom, their own designated teachers, their own staircase, toilets and lunch time arrangements, they will not mix with other students and will remain in the main building.
- Social distancing guidelines will apply and will be enforced. Parents and students will be required to sign and submit home school agreements before they are allowed onsite.
- Sessions will start at either 10am or 10:15am to allow for travel outside of peak times and all students will be offsite by 3pm with staggered dismissal.
- Core subject lessons will be delivered to students by specialist teachers and SLT.
- Students will be provided with their own equipment pack which will be kept in college, they will not be allowed to bring in bags, books, pencil cases, folders, calculators etc.
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Year 12

- Students in Year 12 will be divided up by tutor groups, each group will be given 2 half days of onsite teaching per fortnight either Mon+ Tues or Thurs+ Fri. Students will not be able to swap tutor groups and is not possible to select which days they will attend.
- Each Year 12 group will be subdivided into 2 groups on the 2 days they are in, the 2 groups will have different arrival and dismissal times, their own designated classroom, their own designated teachers, their own staircase and toilets, they will not mix and will remain in the new building.
- Social distancing guidelines will apply and will be enforced. Parents and students will be required to sign and submit home school agreements before they are allowed onsite.
- Sessions will start at either 11am or 11:15am to allow for travel outside of peak times and all students will be offsite by 1:30pm with staggered dismissal.
- Students will have 3 x 1 hour Higher education workshops which will include time to complete UCAS statements and applications and 1 wellbeing session over the 2 days they are in. They will also have an academic tutoring meeting (socially distanced) at some point over the 2 days to discuss their academic progress to date and help them plan their independent learning and transition to Year13.
- Students will be provided with their own equipment pack in college, they will not be allowed to bring in books, folders, pencil cases, calculators etc. Chromebooks will be allowed and they will be wiped down /disinfected upon arrival.

Further details about the onsite support and information including how to complete the required home school agreement will be sent to parents once the dates for this provision have been confirmed.

Year 11

Students in Year 11 who have conditional offers for St Michaels Sixth Form will be sent details of formal transition assignments that must be completed and handed in by 3rd July as a compulsory part of the formal enrolment process. Students will also be invited to take part in a

virtual Sixth form induction week starting 29th June which will involve online activities, information and presentations from subject teachers. Students who have accepted conditional offers for other Sixth Forms /Colleges/ Apprenticeships should contact those providers to find out their specific arrangements for transition work and enrolment. We are able to provide independent careers' guidance to any student who needs it so please contact Leaders of Learning for further information.

Year 13

Student in Year 13 who have conditional or unconditional university offers have been advised to contact the universities to find out about recommended pre reading/research they should be carrying out in preparation for their courses. Mr Smith can also provide details of opportunities available through the open university to complete additional accredited remote short courses. Students who are planning to undertake an apprenticeship should contact the provider to find out any specific arrangements for transition work and enrolment. We are able to provide independent careers' guidance to any student who needs it so please contact Mr Smith for further information.

Safeguarding/Wellbeing

The SEN and Inclusion team will continue to support the students they are working with via phonecalls and Leaders of Learning and SLT will continue to check in with students in each year group. Please remember that should parents or students have any concerns in relation to safeguarding or their child's wellbeing they should contact Ms Nottage or Mrs Freegard in the first instance via email using contact@stmichaelscollege.org.uk so they can assess the situation and identify support required.

Thanks to all parents and guardians for your continued support at this time, your feedback, messages and cards of thanks and support are greatly appreciated by all St Michael's staff who have once shared aim; which is to do their very best for your children in these unprecedented circumstances.

Yours faithfully



Ms F. Corcoran

Principal