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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Next phase of the wider reopening provision for Year 10

We have had a very successful first week of Year 10 Academic Tutorial Sessions with 93% attendance; it has been wonderful to see our Year 10s back in school. The Academic Tutorial sessions have provided students an opportunity to audit and discuss their online learning, showcase work they are proud of and set targets for the coming week. The feedback from these sessions has been invaluable. It has enabled staff to reflect and consider subject development of the online provision even further and, also, guide the needs of our students for the wider opening of the Academy.

Remote learning will continue to be the main provision for the foreseeable future. We are not sure how long this method of education will continue for and, therefore, we need to prepare students to self regulate their time, get into good routines, access learning remotely and identify barriers to success.

Academic Tutorials are bespoke sessions which offer an opportunity for such dialogue to happen whilst enabling students to re-engage as safely as possible with the school and overcome any concerns and anxieties they may have about being in the building. This limited mixing, in the first instance, has supported keeping our staff, students and the wider community safe. It is evident from this week's meetings that students value these sessions and that the sessions will provide staff the opportunity to address the academic learning gaps that have emerged over the last 12 weeks. We believe that the Academic Tutorials are key to helping students remain motivated and engaged with their online learning.

Following the success of the Academic Tutorial sessions, we would like to support students further by inviting Year 10 students in, on the day of their Academic Tutorial session, from 9am until 1pm. As well as re-establishing morning routines for some of our students, they will be able to complete their online learning with the support and guidance of a member of staff. We will continue to monitor the impact of the provision and update you with any changes in the future. Students are expected in school uniform and will need to bring a lunch (optional), snack and water bottle with them.

Please could you fill in [this form](#) to indicate if you would like to take up this opportunity for your child, this will enable us to prepare a safe working space for them and provide a chromebook. Please note if they are attending this supervised provision, they will need to be here by 9am ready to be shown to their allocated area and minimise disruption.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's Faculty Director or Mrs Bourke in the first instance:

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Yours sincerely

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