



Headteacher: Niamh Arnall

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Dear Parents,

Further to my letter on Friday 5th June, I want to write to you, to outline our initial plans for Year 12s returning to school.

You will understand and appreciate that planning for students to return to school in the current climate is a huge undertaking. Whilst there is government guidance and a great deal of information being sent through from the Department for Education and the Local Authority, it is down to each school to make arrangements which are appropriate for their individual community.

Here at Finchley Catholic High School, we are planning to start Year 12 students' reintegration to school with a 2-hour teaching session for every subject during the week beginning Monday 22nd June. We will be writing to students and parents/carers later this week to give you a personalised schedule, but to give you initial information, the following days of the week have been assigned to these option pools:

Day	Option pool	Subjects:
Monday 22 nd June	B	Art, Biology, Economics, English Language, English Literature, Geography, Maths, PE, Photography
Tuesday 23 rd June	A	Chemistry, English Literature, Geography, History, Maths, Media, Psychology
Wednesday 24 th June	C	BTEC Business, Classics, Further Maths, History, Maths, Physics, Psychology, RE
Thursday 25 th June	D	Business, Computer Science, Drama, Economics, Physics, Politics, Product Design, Psychology

The specific times for your option sessions will be confirmed with your individual schedule.

Staff will use the following evidence to plan the sessions:

- Assessment of progress and engagement with work undertaken during lockdown
- Use the recent questionnaire to address gaps in knowledge and understanding

We plan for these sessions to be held in such a way that the student remains seated in their specific venue for the duration of the session. In this way, we limit movement and the possibility of social distancing not being observed.

Another reason for arranging the return of Year 12 students, in this way initially, is to avoid break times and further opportunities for social distancing regulations to be broken. If parents / carers with your son/daughter could start to plan for their travel arrangements ahead of time it will also avoid the

possibility of students meeting up before or after sessions, off site, and therefore failing to observe social distancing regulations.

Once we have completed this initial week of face-to-face teaching time, we will then review it and plan further sessions before the summer holidays. Please remember that whilst we are arranging this restricted face to face engagement for students, the on-line provision will continue as normal. The government guidance tells us to:

“provide some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and Year 12 pupils, with a clear expectation that remote education will continue to be the predominant form of education delivery for these year groups and that this should be of high quality”

You will recall that we were not able to run the Y12 mocks which were scheduled to begin just after lock-down but subject teachers have continued to assess students on an ongoing basis. Following these sessions, teachers will continue to do this, but the focus will be primarily on identifying gaps in knowledge, skills and understanding which can inform both future planning, and the support given to students at whole class level and on an individual basis.

Finally, just so we can plan accordingly, please tell us in advance if you are **not** intending for your son / daughter to attend via email to Mrs Cronin (icronin@finchleycatholic.org.uk) by this Wednesday 17th June.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope that the plans we are making will support our students to move forwards with their learning in a structured and supportive way.

Yours sincerely



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