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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our sixth form students have made a superb start to the term and I have been thoroughly impressed with the maturity they have shown in following our new health and safety guidance and behaving as role models for our younger students. Their smooth start to the year has been an absolute pleasure to witness.

As you are aware, we are reviewing our health and safety measures on a daily basis and making adjustments to our systems accordingly. Whilst we are delighted to have our students back with us, we are highly vigilant of the ongoing threat of the pandemic, particularly since the 'R' rate has risen over the last week. In light of this, and the number of cases seen in schools across Northamptonshire over the last few days, we have decided to amend our expectations with regards to when sixth form students are expected to be on site.

In order to minimise numbers of students in communal spaces such as the sixth form library and study centre, we have taken the decision to expect **attendance in school for Year 12 in timetabled lessons only, starting Monday 21st September**. Any supervised study slots on student timetables should now be spent at home, where possible. We appreciate that this may not be possible for all students due to travel arrangements, but where it is possible, it will allow our work spaces to be safer and more conducive to effective study. Enrichment slots will only take place in school for students who have a teacher-led taught lesson during these times, e.g. English and Maths GCSE retake lessons, Further Maths, Core Maths, Sports Leaders etc. All online enrichment lessons should take place at home, where possible. By minimising numbers of sixth formers on site, we can maintain safety measures more easily and we hope that students will utilise their private study time at home in a quieter, less busy environment.

Students will be expected to attend tutor time in school on days when they have a taught lesson period 1 only. This is to ensure students have access to our PSHE curriculum. Resources will also be made available via Google Classroom for those students who are not expected in school until later in the day; Mr Wynn will email all Year 12 students details regarding joining the Google Classroom. This will all be explained to students in school this week.

Please complete the attached Google Form by Friday 18th September at 1pm, if your child requires on-site provision outside of their taught lessons, indicating which slots they would like to book, so we know who to expect in school for safeguarding purposes: <https://forms.gle/mTwkHTnzPApc65de8>

Whilst we would ideally like to operate as normal, with all students in school as much as possible, in the current situation we believe that being in school for taught lessons only is the best plan for now. We will, of course, keep this under constant review and will not hesitate to reinstate on-site provision more widely as soon as it is safe to do so.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our sixth form students.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Claire Green
Director of Sixth Form

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