

5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Ref: Year 10 Academic Mentoring**

Firstly I hope all of our families are well in the current situation.

Following our previous communication and the latest updates from the government we are now offering all Year 10 students the opportunity to access 1:1 face-to-face mentoring on site at Bristol Metropolitan Academy once per fortnight starting from 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Mentoring will allow us to support individual students in areas they identify as challenging as well as continuing to celebrate and recognise the achievements still being made under difficult circumstances. As you will know from our previous communications, students will only be invited to return in a way that supports our responsibility to ensure high standards of safety, and when it is feasible for us to safely accommodate more pupils. We are now investing time in individual conversations with our families to check in with you about your child.

Over the next 7 days you will receive a call from your child's academic mentor to discuss how we can continue to support your child during this remote learning period and arrange a mutually convenient time for your child to access the site for mentoring provision. All necessary precautions are in place to ensure social distancing measures are being met and as such there are some points to bear in mind.

- This provision is located in a separate area of the school and will have a separate entrance/exit routes, and separate toilets
- Students will be asked to wash their hands on arrival and stay in the designated area. They will be unable to move freely around the academy
- Students should arrive 5 mins before their mentoring slot and wait outside the building in line until they are collected by their mentor
- Students will need to leave site as soon as their session has finished (sessions are 25 mins)
- At this time we are not able to share resources and so your child will need to bring a pen if possible to make notes of the meeting for their future reference

We are also committed to providing students with opportunities to access on site live lessons where there is limited IT access at home. These will take the form of 3 hour morning slots where students without IT access at home can access some subject lessons once per week. We are currently working through our prioritised list of students with no IT access and will be in touch shortly.

Finally, once again, we would like to thank you for your support in helping your child to access this provision over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

Helen Barnes  
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