

June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Academic Mentoring Summer 2020 – week beginning Monday 6th July

I hope that you and your families are well.

I am writing to inform you about our forthcoming face to face academic mentoring sessions that mentors will be carrying out with each of their students in the week beginning Monday 6th July.

Due to the recent change in government guidance, I am very pleased to be able to offer a hugely beneficial and valuable opportunity, to enable all of our students to come back into school for an appointment with their mentor, before the summer holiday begins. Due to the current situation, we have unfortunately missed several opportunities to give direct face to face feedback to our students via parents' evenings, academic mentoring sessions and daily conversations. Despite the regular contact that mentors have maintained with individuals in their mentor group since the beginning of the lockdown period, our students have missed the daily mentor/mentee contact that they benefit from whilst in school. This appointment will provide an important opportunity to discuss engagement data for each subject, the return to school and of course the chance for your child to see their mentor again after many weeks!

Your child's mentor will contact you to make a 10 minute appointment with your child which will take place in the week beginning Monday 6th July. All appointments will take place on the top floor of North building. You will be informed of the exact venue by the mentor when the appointment is arranged. Your child is not required to wear uniform and should arrive on site 5 minutes prior to their appointment time. All students must wash their hands on arrival at school please and before they leave the site after their appointment. Please reinforce this message to your child. Students will only be on site for the duration of their appointment.

We are unfortunately not in a position to invite parents/carers into school for this appointment and I've no doubt that you understand the reasoning behind this. We therefore ask, that if you bring your child by car, that you please wait in the car park.

I am sure our students shall value this worthwhile opportunity to come into school and meet with their mentor. We are all aware, as I'm sure you are too, that returning

to school after so many weeks away, may cause some students to be anxious, understandably so. This therefore, provides us with a further opportunity to alleviate as many anxieties as possible, prior to the wider opening of schools in September.

We understand that some children may be shielding due to their own health needs or the health needs of others in the same household. If this is the case for your family, then your mentor will be happy to carry out the appointment over the phone or via Teams to ensure that your child does not miss out on this very valuable opportunity.

Thank you for your support, as always, in ensuring that your child attends this appointment. Your child's mentor shall be in touch to arrange the appointment in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ms K Lissoni'.

Ms K Lissoni
Assistant Headteacher