

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **RE: Return to School – Phase 2 Update**

Thank you to all of our parents and students for working with us to ensure the phased return to school arrangements in place since Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June have been successful. It has been a pleasure for us as teachers to spend time with students again, who have all engaged exceptionally well in these sessions.

### **Phase 2**

We have taken time to gather feedback from parents, staff and students following our initial face-to-face sessions and, after reviewing the health and safety measures we have put in place and our risk assessment, we feel we are now in a position to begin extending the provision we have on offer

You should have received a posted and email letter this week detailing the arrangements in place for Phase 2.

This letter clearly highlighted when your child is due to attend and the arrangements we have put in place to ensure that the Academy is a safe place for both staff and students. If you have not yet received this letter, please check any 'junk' and 'spam' folders, before emailing [solihull.info@wmgacademy.org.uk](mailto:solihull.info@wmgacademy.org.uk), where a new copy can be provided.

### **Key Points to Note**

**Year 10** – Students have engaged exceptionally well in the face-to-face sessions in English, Maths, Science and Engineering, as well as continuing to work remotely and complete their online learning. This provision will continue over the coming weeks.

During the final week of term (week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July), we will move away from core subjects and focus on option subjects. The arrangements for this are still being finalised and we will confirm these next week.

**Year 12** – A-Level students are invited to attend the fortnightly sessions for each A-Level subject, as they have done so during phase 1. These sessions have been well attended and targeted to meet the needs of each student.

During Phase 2, we are extending our onsite provision to include students studying BTEC subjects. During Phase 1, students were able to work from home to complete coursework and to attend online sessions with their teachers. These remote arrangements remain in place and online sessions should still be attended, however we also want to invite BTEC students to attend some onsite, face-to-face sessions. This means students will be able to work with staff to ensure they are up-to-date with coursework, seek help where needed and cover specific subject content to help fill any gaps in knowledge. The details of when these sessions are being offered are included in the individual letter sent by post earlier this week.

### **Keeping Children Safe**

Whilst there are huge benefits to being online in order to stay connected to family and friends during this period, WMG Academy and the government recognises that many parents may feel concerned about the activities and content their children are accessing. The DfE have released new guidance about keeping children safe online. This guidance outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to receive support and advice and is available by clicking [here](#).

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### Onsite Visitors

As part of our increased health and safety measures, visitors are not permitted onsite or into the building. If, for any reason, parents need to come to the Academy, we ask that they call the Reception on 0121 289 3556 who will advise on the best course of action.

### Ongoing Communication

Please remember that any parental communications are available on our website by clicking [here](#). If you need to contact the Academy urgently, you can do so by calling Reception on 0212 289 3556, however we ask that non-urgent enquiries are made via email to [solihull.info@wmgacademy.org.uk](mailto:solihull.info@wmgacademy.org.uk). Safeguarding concerns should include the phrase 'CONFIDENTIAL – SAFEGUARDING' in the email subject line.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We are looking forward to seeing students again over the coming weeks for what we know will be beneficial face-to-face sessions before the summer holiday.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs K Tague  
Executive Principal



Mr S Tait  
Associate Principal