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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your response to the recent parent survey we sent out regarding school reopening for Year 10 learners. As you can appreciate, your input is so valuable in ensuring that we put the best provision we can in place whilst working within the current context and guidelines. Since returning from the half term break, we have been reviewing our current provision and sharing the best practice we have seen with staff.

One of the areas that we have been keen to evaluate is our approach to setting home learning. The senior team met with the leaders of each department to find out how they had adapted their curriculum in the current context. We found that there was a mixture of reviewing the areas of the curriculum covered so far and clear plans in place to move learners on to new content if this was not already happening. Leaders are thinking strategically about which areas of their curriculum can be taught through remote learning and which areas are better delayed to when there is face to face contact with learners.

As well as ensuring that learners are being taught the required knowledge for the topics being covered, there are planned opportunities for learners to practice exam style skills. Where appropriate, learners are being encouraged to use online platforms such as Seneca and MathsWatch to assess their skills and identify areas in which they need to focus their home learning further. Department leaders are using the data gained from these platforms to inform their future planning and also to support individual learners in the specific areas they need.

In meeting with the department leads, we also asked them to show us how they were providing feedback to the learners. Staff are being both creative and flexible in how they are using the school's feedback policy to ensure that learners get regular and personalized feedback. Again, the best practice was shared across all departments to enable us to further develop this area of teaching and learning during school closure.

We have been working hard over the last few weeks to plan how we will structure teaching and learning when school reopens for Year 10 on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. We have used staff input from the meetings to find out how the learning time we have left can best be put to use and what each department would do with the face to face contact with learners. This information is all coming together to form a blended learning plan for Year 10 in the remainder of the summer term.

When learners return to school next week they will experience learning sessions for English, math's, science, MFL and humanities. This is mapped across the four weeks of term remaining before the summer holiday. As learners will be attending school one day per week, they will have a slight reduction in the home learning set from these subject areas, with no home learning being set in the final lesson for each subject in a week. The learning completed during the in school sessions will be sent to year 10 learners on a Friday in case they have not been able to attend school. This should mean that by the end of the week learners will be up to date with all of the learning completed in school and any home learning set. There is a short video on our AspirePlus twitter feed to show learners what to expect in school next week. Please contact us at [homelearning@lhs.aspireplus.org.uk](mailto:homelearning@lhs.aspireplus.org.uk) if you have any questions or suggestions about the learning for year 10.

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We are carefully monitoring the engagement of learners with home learning, many Year 10 learners are completing all of their work set which is fantastic. Form tutors will be discussing learner engagement with home learning in particular subjects in their tutor phone calls to you.

In the meantime, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and for how you are facilitating learning at home for your child. We hope you and your families stay safe and well, and if we can be of any further help please do not hesitate to get in touch,

Kind regards



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