THE PRIORY ACADEMY
LSST

19th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the halfway point of this module I thought I would write to provide an update of plans for the next few weeks. We understand there is much frustration that schools have not reopened to more students; please be assured we will continue to follow the government guidance to ensure the safety of all of our students, staff and their respective families.

This week has seen us move to phase 2 of the academy reopening and it has been delightful to greet Year 10 and Year 12 students throughout the course of this week. For those families whose children came into the Academy I do hope they enjoyed their experience. I certainly know that staff in the Academy did; they felt back at home in a classroom with students in front of them!

With increased contact for our Year 10 and Year 12 students we hope for parents and carers of children in Years 7 to 9 to receive some personal contact through email with either their child's Form Tutor, Pastoral Learning Mentor or Head of Year. Following the correspondence you have received from Mr Sleight, and on receiving permission returns for the use of Teams, we hope to expand the use of email contact to some face to face meetings using Teams later in the term.

In recent weeks we hope some of your children have seen an increased use of Streams to provide lesson content; it is hoped again that there would be an increase in the use of Teams, enabling a greater interactivity in lessons as this term continues. We ask for your understanding and patience as we roll out a staff training programme and the sometimes unpredictability of IT systems.

As the weeks of lockdown have become months, and with no end in sight, please do keep in contact with us should you have any concerns about either your child's academic progress or their emotional well-being. As always, I would advise you to contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

Please do take care and stay safe in these continued unprecedented times.

Yours faithfully

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