

Executive Principal: Mrs Ruth Holden, MA, NPQH

10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

I hope you are continuing to be well and safe and managing the current situation as best you can.

**You will have seen in the news that The Government has issued new guidance for schools about fully opening in September. I will be writing to you on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July which is our end of term and year, with the detail of how Mulberry Academy Shoreditch will be returning fully to school in September.**

This term - it continues to be delightful to see students back in the school this week – we have had Year 10 and 12 students into the school and going into classrooms to supplement their home learning.

This week we have concluded our interviewing of our lovely new Year 6 students who came in with parents on a rota basis to collect their welcome packs and meet a member of staff and of course there is our special dedicated area of the website for Year 6-7 transition with our lovely transition video in place. And again this Friday we concluded our interviews of our resilient and brave Year 11 students, which was really special because we really miss them and we miss Year 13 and feel the most apologetic and sorry for them as cohorts and the disruption that Covid 19 has brought to their public examinations and to their end of year celebrations.

It has been really great to see parents and students coming in to the school following invitation, to collect laptops supplied by the Government and modified by us. I am so pleased that we are in receipt of these laptops now and have been able to make them ready for use so quickly.

As you know, schools are being asked to begin to open as part of the Government's easing of lockdown restrictions and to do so safely and in line with public health safety guidance. As I said in my previous letters, it is important that we manage expectations and I am clear that we are supplementing home learning and will not be operating anything like a full timetable with limited staffing, and whilst ensuring social distancing can happen. The school will not be providing PPE, but if students wish to wear PPE they may.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff who have volunteered to come into the school to help run these sessions for students in rather challenging circumstances and unprecedented times.

### **Next week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Year 10 students** - please wear your PE kit or school uniform and bring your own water to drink

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - if your surname begins with the letters **A-J** – please arrive at the front entrance of the school for 9am where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, sanitize your hands and invited to attend a two hour learning session facilitated by a member of staff in a class size of no more than 12 students. The session will be from 9-11am, after which you will sanitize your hands, leave the classroom and be able to take a hot or cold lunch box and leave through the back entrance of the school, or eat your lunch in the 'street' area and then follow the safety signage and leave by the back gate of the school by 11.30am. You will need to bring with you your own equipment for the session – so pen / paper or books and the toilet facilities will be in use for emergencies only. The learning for this day will be in the subject of GCSE History and Geography.

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**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** - if your surname begins with the letters **K-Z** – please arrive at the front entrance of the school for 9am where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, sanitize your hands and invited to attend a two hour learning session facilitated by a member of staff in a class size of no more than 12 students. The session will be from 9-11am, after which you will sanitize your hands, leave the classroom and be able to take a hot or cold lunch box and leave through the back entrance of the school, or eat your lunch in the 'street' area and then follow the safety signage and leave by the back gate of the school by 11.30am. You will need to bring with you your own equipment for the session – so pen / paper or books and the toilet facilities will be in use for emergencies only. The learning for this day will be in the subject of GCSE History and Geography.

**Year 12 students** - please wear your own clothes and bring your own water to drink.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** - ALL Year 12 students – please arrive at the front entrance of the school for 9am where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, sanitize your hands and invited to attend a two hour learning session facilitated by a member of staff in a class size of no more than 12 students. The session will be from **9-11am**, after which you will sanitize your hands, leave the classroom and be able to take a hot or cold lunch box and leave through the back entrance of the school, or eat your lunch in the 'street' area and then follow the safety signage and leave by the back gate of the school by 11.30am. You will need to bring with you your own equipment for the session – so pen / paper or books and the toilet facilities will be in use for emergencies only. The purpose of the session on this day will be for you to be offered some face-to-face support to supplement remote education for your A levels and BTECs.

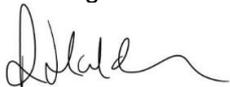
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - ALL Year 12 students – please arrive at the front entrance of the school for 9am where you will be asked to be in marked social distancing lines, sanitize your hands and invited to attend a two hour learning session facilitated by a member of staff in a class size of no more than 12 students. The session will be from **9-11am**, after which you will sanitize your hands, leave the classroom and be able to take a hot or cold lunch box and leave through the back entrance of the school, or eat your lunch in the 'street' area and then follow the safety signage and leave by the back gate of the school by 11.30am. You will need to bring with you your own equipment for the session – so pen / paper or books and the toilet facilities will be in use for emergencies only. The purpose of the session on this day will be for you to be offered some face-to-face support to supplement remote education for your A levels and BTECs.

If you, or a family member you live with are displaying any symptoms of a continuous cough, high temperature, loss of change to sense of smell or taste then please stay at home and inform your Head of Year or a member of the Senior team.

Please continue to check our website for updates and news. We continue to set online learning for all students in all year groups and this is our priority.

Stay alert and stay safe and have a good weekend.

Kind regards



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