

Headteacher update:

I hope that you and all your family are keeping well.

This week our Board of Trustees decided that in line with government guidance, the school should open to Y10 and Y12 students for face to face support from their teachers on Monday June 15th. We have been working hard over the last few weeks to prepare for this wider opening of the school and I am proud that we have got to the place of welcoming at least some of our students back to school on Monday. My colleagues and I are very much looking forward to seeing them.

As you know The Chair of Trustees and I responded internally and publicly to the important issues raised through the BLM movement. Thank you to parents who have expressed support of this and I very much look forward to working with our students and others to explore ways we can improve issues of diversity and equality in school.

There have been a range of exciting activities taking place this week by students and staff including online assemblies, creative challenges and news of innovative ways students are keeping motivated at home. Please check our twitter feed and our website for news of all of these.

Over the next few weeks our pastoral team will be leading the selection and interview process for the appointment of our new Senior Prefect Team for next year. There have been over 60 applicants from our Y12 students which is fantastic. We look forward to carrying out this process and working with our student leaders in this way over the next year.

May I wish you all a very restful weekend.

Best wishes
Ms Yates

Deputy Headteachers' update:

Teaching and Learning Update

We are very much looking forward to seeing the Y10 and Y12 students face to face over the next five weeks. We are anticipating that this will be an impactful time for both the students and the teachers, enabling both parties to understand the necessary steps that need to take place between now and September in each of the subject areas they follow.

As well as that, we are still very much aware of the need to continue with the home learning element of the curriculum, and will continue to put information and guidance on the school website that informs our students what they need to be working on over the next few weeks.

As we continue on through this process of home learning, as a school we are still looking into ways in which this can become more impactful for students, and we are constantly trying to review and improve the breadth of opportunities that are currently in place. Clearly, we all want to get back into the classroom with our students, in the safest and most appropriate way to learn and laugh together once again. Hopefully, with careful planning and some continued positive news about the spread of the virus, we will see these times again very soon.

Deputy Headteachers' update:

Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

With the upcoming reopening of school for students in Year 10 and 12, Student Support recently sent a well-being survey to all students in those year groups. This was in order to identify any welfare needs or requests for pastoral provision that could be supported over the next few weeks. Although the survey has now closed, students and parents can still raise concerns or seek advice for a student in any year group using welfare@bluecoatschool.org.uk

Whilst school remains closed for most students, we continue to explore ways for the students to engage with the pastoral team. This week saw Key Stage Three assemblies being held by Mr Fee and Mrs Conway, with approximately 130 students from each year group attending. These assemblies allowed the Key Stage Leaders to offer support and guidance, as well as providing students with the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session.