An update on the government’s guidance

It has been excellent to see those students who were invited into school this week and in such high numbers. On Monday, the government relaxed the guidance so that we can now welcome back our year nine students for one face-to-face meeting before the end of term. Our offering for each year group is set out in more detail below.

A free Webinar for parents on Kooth

Kooth is a digital mental health support service. It gives children and young people easy access to an online community of peers and a team of experienced counsellors. There is a free parents information webinar on Kooth. It will include helpful hints and tools to engage their children in talking about wellbeing and how to use Kooth. The details are:

Thursday 25th June – Parents Webinar.
Parents need to follow this link [https://zoom.us/j/92767053481](https://zoom.us/j/92767053481) or simply enter the meeting ID if they already have Zoom which is 927 670 53481.

Year Group News

Year 9

- Following the change in government guidance, we will be arranging for all our year nine students to have a face-to-face meeting with their form tutor, Mr Hamill or Miss Longden in the final week of term (20th-22nd July). This will allow them to have some contact before the summer. In the meeting the tutor will go through the end of year reports and set some targets for September. Appointments will be booked through Parentmail and we will give two days’ notice of the booking period opening. Students will take the report home with them. Further details of the arrangements will be sent nearer the time.

- We have now assigned students’ teaching groups for next year based on their KS4 options choices. Please note that unless Mr Kemp has already spoken to you directly, we have been able to accommodate the choices which your child provided on the Options Choices Form in March.

- All year nine parents should receive a link today to our remote learning agreement. If you are happy for your child to take part in ‘Google Meets’ with teachers and/or tutors, please submit the agreement at the end of the form.

- The clinics for the immunisations have been in very high demand and many parents have been unable to book appointments. The School Immunisation Team is aware of this and is planning further clinics or school visits in September to catch up with any missed immunisations.

Year 10

- Thank you for the excellent response to the provision of core teaching during the next four weeks. We had hoped to provide some option teaching but the guidance around groupings still does not allow for this. We look forward to seeing students from Monday. They are reminded that they must not arrive before 8.30 and will be met at the gate
identified and taken to their teaching block. They will remain in the block until 12.30 when they will be returned to the gate. This will ensure that they only mix with a maximum of eleven other students throughout their time on site.

- All year ten parents should receive a link today to our remote learning agreement. If you are happy for your child to take part in ‘Google Meets’ with teachers and/or tutors, please submit the agreement at the end of the form.
- Year ten students will receive their end of year reports at the end of their last taught session during week commencing 13th July

Year 12

- We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing our year twelve this week and are delighted that they have all returned their agreements for ‘Google Meets’. This should enable them to continue with their work for the next month together with the established support from their teachers and tutors.
- During the last week of term (20th – 22nd July), we will be holding face-to-face meetings for year twelve with their tutors. Students will receive their end of year report and predicted grades for UCAS. These will form the focus of the meetings so that students know what they will need to do for September. Mr Kemp, Mr Fisher and Mrs Stevens will also be available. Students will continue to get a weekly email from Mr Kemp about the UCAS process and the weekly online assembly.

Year 11

- County Upper Sixth Form Enrolment – Further to Mrs Neale’s email in April, students are automatically enrolled onto their courses, subject to results. On results’ day in August, students will either confirm their choices or arrange to speak with staff. There is no need to do anything further before then (other than keep up with the work!)
- West Suffolk College Online Enrolment - Students will be given instructions within the next few weeks on how to complete an online enrolment form and attach their GCSE results. They will then be contacted by a member of the curriculum team to confirm their course and start date. This will commence on 20 August.

Message from your School Council

Next week it is School Diversity Week, an event run by Just Like Us, an LGBT+ charity for young people. Our County Upper Pride Club has been working to provide events including an assembly and activities that students can get involved in. Students will be emailed a poster today and a little more detail on the activities will be sent each day. We hope they will get involved.