



5/6/20

Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope this update finds you well and that you and your families had a restful half term break. This letter is to bring you up to date with developments since we started back from the holidays on Monday.

### **Partial Reopening**

Over the holidays we had the first set of guidance specific to secondary schools on how we can meet the government's desire to enable Y10 and Y12 students to have some face to face contact before the summer holidays.

This provision will start on 15 June, and if you are a parent or carer of Y12 or Y10 you will receive a separate letter today outlining the provision offered and asking you to respond to a quick survey.

The government have been clear that they have no further plans at this time to ask secondary schools to admit more students other than these year groups, and those students who qualify for keyworker provision or are considered vulnerable. Whilst we are really keen to have students back as soon as possible, we cannot do so until the government decide it is a safe course of action.

### **Distance Learning**

We have listened to lots of feedback from yourselves around distance learning, and we are committed to improving this provision over the next weeks.

We are focussing on 3 areas:

- 1) Providing more live sessions with teachers via Google Meets
- 2) Providing more pre-recorded video sessions by teachers posted on Google Classrooms
- 3) Providing better feedback and dialogue with students via the chat-board/ stream function in Google Classrooms

Please continue to feedback your thoughts or comments on distance learning to myself or Ben Cotton at [asalt@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk](mailto:asalt@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk) or [bcotton@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk](mailto:bcotton@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk)

### **Pastoral Support**

We are acutely aware how important pastoral support is for our students, and this need has been magnified in many cases by the current lockdown. Our Heads of House and School Counselling service are operating remotely throughout the lockdown period, and form tutors will gladly help or signpost students and families should you need some support.

Please email your daughter or son's form tutor and/or Head of House directly so that we can support and advise you.

Babbage House- Mike Morgan [mmorgan@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk](mailto:mmorgan@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk)

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**Key Worker and Vulnerable Student Provision**

Please note we continue to offer this provision across Years 7-11. Please contact Kirsty Matthews on [kmatthews@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk](mailto:kmatthews@kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk) if you have any questions or queries about this.

Once again, thank you for your continuing support and cooperation at this time.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Salt'.

Alan Salt  
**Principal**