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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Return to Face-to-Face Provision

It has been a busy few weeks providing remote learning for our students and an even busier one this week, testing students in preparation for their return.

I am sure you and they are as excited as we are to welcome them back to site and lessons on Monday. There will, inevitably be some anxiety around this, consequently I am writing today to provide further clarity and reassurance for all concerned.

First and foremost, Year 10 have been a credit to you, themselves and school in how they have conducted themselves in this week's testing. I am sure they will maintain this positivity and co-operation going forward. On Monday, students should be on site by 8.40am and must access school through the "Bin Yard" entrance as they did last term. Within the first 100 minutes, students will be coached through their first self-administered 'home test', ensuring they are comfortable with the process ahead of 'home testing' going forward. Within this time, they will also have a 50-minute PSHCE lesson with their form tutor. This is a slight change from my previous letter, with Year 10 having their third test on Monday rather than Tuesday, this is down to the efficiency of the testing system and team and does not compromise any of the testing guidelines or timelines. From 11am, Period 3, on Monday, all Year 10 students will be accessing their normal timetable with their class teachers. With this in mind, please support your child by ensuring they arrive in full uniform, including black shoes with full equipment, any work and books which need returning and of course their face masks.

The coming weeks will be focussed around 'recapturing students', reinforcing their learning over recent weeks and easing them into the learning which lies ahead. It will still feel some time away, however, we do want to ensure our students are fully prepared for their GCSE assessments next year, whatever format this may take.

As well as their academic learning, students will experience many other aspects of provision, which will ensure they are confident and ready to complete personal

statements, make college applications and are prepared for their progression beyond Mount St Mary's.

I am sure this will not be the last time I will be in contact with you in the coming weeks, as we will endeavour to reassure you of the support and development we have in place for your child.

We look forward to when we can meet face to face but remain excited at the prospect of welcoming back our Year 10 students on Monday.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

Mr M Cooper
Headteacher