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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 Students

As you may be aware, the [Government has now announced detailed plans](#) for bringing small groups of Year 10 students into school for face-to-face support with their teachers. We are pleased to be able to welcome these students back for some essential learning before the summer holidays, provided it remains safe enough to do so. We will keep abreast of all Government and local guidelines and will not hesitate to change these plans if necessary.

Currently the Government plans are clear that a maximum of 25% of our Year 10 cohort can be in school at any one time, with smaller class sizes to allow adequate social distancing. We have completed considerable risk assessments and planned detailed In School Protocols. We now feel we can provide valuable face-to-face learning for our Year 10 students from Monday 15 June. Copies of the In School Protocols and Risk Assessments are attached; this includes an amended Behaviour Policy. We will also be publishing a short video this week to show you the measures that have been put in place at Penrice Academy to keep all students and staff as safe as possible.

For your child this means they will have at least one day in school per week until the end of the summer term (*Subject to any Government Changes*). We have planned this really carefully to give all students two lessons of each of their GCSE subjects before the summer holidays. Teachers have prepared these lessons to complement home learning and teach essential content that is harder to learn and complete without a teacher explaining it face-to-face. These lessons will massively support learning at home and we very much expect that the vast majority of Year 10 will be able to come and take advantage of this fundamental learning opportunity, providing they are fit and well enough to do so.

Your child will be sent (via email and post within the next few days) more details about coming into school alongside a personalised timetable of face-to-face lessons. Their personalised timetable details the exact days that they will be expected in school over the next 3 weeks, and the home learning timetable for the other days. Home learning will still provide 80% of curriculum learning for the remainder of the summer term. Further timetables will be sent for the final 3 weeks of the summer term in due course.

It remains absolutely essential that all students continue with all of their timetabled lessons, both in school and at home. Teachers will continue to set all home learning via Show My Homework. Learning will be varied, with some video lessons, some online work, and some work that can be done offline. We know this has been helping to keep students engaged and enjoying in their learning at home.

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Teachers are setting work that is perfect for your child's future success. Your support has helped the majority of our Year 10 students complete their home learning to an excellent standard, we know it is challenging working from home, but we are very proud that students and parents have shown us how resilient and adaptable they can be. Thank you and keep up the great work.

If you have any questions in regards to the partial reopening, please do not hesitate to make contact with us.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucy Gambier".

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