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Dear Parents and Carers

Resumption of on site learning - Year 10 and 12 update

Thank you for responding to the letter from Judy Rider, our CEO, asking for your decision whether or not you wish your child to attend some on site learning provision in term six.

About 50% of you have opted to return your child. The UKAT senior team are now avidly making preparations to ensure the site is prepared and complies with all health, hygiene and safety advice that we have been given by the Department for Education.

Our forward plan is to potentially open **on June 15th** - although this will not be formally confirmed with parents / carers **until 8th June** - once we are in a better position to confirm that we have secured enough ongoing and continuous supplies of PPE, and other cleaning supplies and safety equipment. We also want to ensure we have enough staffing in place to strictly implement social distancing rules, not just in classrooms, but in social spaces.

Please note Year 10 students attending the academy will not be able to resume their normal timetables, but will continue to study on site with work set by their teachers through the remote digital learning portal. However, staff will be available to guide them practically in their learning, and provide pastoral face to face support- albeit socially distanced support. Time in school will also allow them to see friends, even though they will be at least 2 metres away. Year 12 students will most likely attend for some tutorial support sessions, and the post 16 senior team are working on a proposal for implementing this. More detail will be given in our next communication with your family.

In addition, the academy will continue to educate those children of key workers, children with Education, Health and Care Plans and vulnerable students that have been attending throughout the lockdown period.

Please note if you have decided not to send your child in, and then later have a change of heart, and wish for them to attend, **DO NOT** just send them in as we have strict protocols around size of groups for social distancing purposes, and site supervision.

If you wish for them to attend then please leave a message with your details and phone number at reception, and we will get back to you to let you know when we will be able to

accommodate them, as adjustments will need to be made to class groups and health and safety procedures.

Please note that on site CG learning will be based at Brompton Academy. The building is spacious and airy, and large enough to divide into two completely separate schools. Chatham Grammar School students and staff will occupy one half of the building by themselves.

In making this decision we have also had to take into consideration that building works are just commencing at CG with contractors on site. Our aim in providing on site learning is to ensure we minimise the risk as far as possible to all our students and staff attending.

I will write to you again by **June 8th** with more detailed information and a confirmed start date.

Kind regards and best wishes.

Wendy Walters
Principal