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Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to ensure students are prepared for a smooth transition back into school after the summer holiday, we ask that all parents read this letter and refer to the website (www.bishopyoungacademy.co.uk) for further details on our reopening plans for September.

Attendance

Attendance will be mandatory in September, as the government expects all students to attend school. The usual attendance procedures will apply. We will record student attendance and follow up any absences. If your child has been staying at home due to shielding guidance, as you will be aware, the government paused this guidance on 1 August and as such, all students should be able to come back to school in September. However, if you have received clinical or public health advice that your child should still remain at home, please let us know and continue to follow that guidance.

Safety measures

We have developed a thorough risk assessment which can be found on our website under Covid 19. On Monday, 7th September, which is an INSET day for staff training, all staff will undergo an induction process to ensure they are all aware of how to keep themselves and students safe in school.

Support

We are aware that the lockdown has been a difficult time for many of us, including our students. Please let us know if you think your child may need extra support when returning to school, for example, if they feel anxious about coming back into school or if they are experiencing bereavement. All students will be involved in a re-induction process in which our rules, expectations and focus on wellbeing will be a main focus.

School Arrangements: Overview of Week 1

In order to ensure all students understand the new structure to the day and the new way of working, we are having a staggered start to the year to allow staff time to properly induct the students. Please only send your child to school on the days they are scheduled to be in.



Monday 7th September 2020	Staff Training Day (Closed to all students)
Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 10am	Year 7 only Induction Day 1 Years 8 to 11 should not attend school.
Wednesday 9th September 2020 at 8.20am	Years 7 Induction Day 2 Year 10 and 11 Induction Day Years 8 and 9 should not attend school.
Thursday 10th September 2020 at 8.20am	Years 7, 10 and 11 in normal lessons Year 8 Induction Day Years 9 should not attend school.
Friday 11th September 2020 at 8.20am	Years 7, 8, 10 and 11 in normal lessons Year 9 Induction Day
Monday 14 th September 2020	All years in normal lessons

Induction Day Programme:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and partial closure of the academy since Friday 20th March, all students will take part in an induction day. The purpose of this is to ensure students are fully prepared and supported in the key measures and expectations implemented as outlined in the Reopening Plan. In addition to this, students will re-visit key academy routines to ensure they are ready for their first full day of learning on Monday 14th September. The induction day timetable is below for your reference.

Lesson	Activity
1	With form tutors carrying out receiving planners, information on the school day, timetables and wellbeing checks.
2	Assembly
3	Teaching and Learning Expectations
4	Health and Safety
5	Normal Lessons

We are extremely grateful for all the support we have received so far from the school community. We will continue to keep in touch if there are any updates to our plans or if we need to make changes due to new or updated government advice.

In the meantime, enjoy the remainder of the Summer break and we look forward to seeing your child back in school in September.

Yours sincerely



Rachael Cole
Senior Vice Principal