

## The Return of Year 12 to College?

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We are beginning to hear about Year 12's restarting College and I'm sure you share my desire to get back to some form of 'normality' as soon as possible!

The 1<sup>st</sup> June start date is explicitly the *earliest* possible day, and any start date at all will depend on the government's five tests being met. The Department for Education acknowledges that that hasn't happened yet, and so a return may not be until after 1<sup>st</sup> June.

The Government has suggested that students could come into College to supplement their distance-learning i.e. not for timetabled classes to restart in earnest.

However before we do any of that we would need to be sure that:

1. All students and staff can travel, study and return safely
2. There is an actual benefit to students coming in over and above what we are doing now.

We are awaiting clarifications and more detailed advice from the DfE on this issue but are actively exploring what benefits can be derived from changing from our current approach to learning, teaching and assessment. Once things become clearer, we can start to invite some students into College, perhaps at first individual students who would benefit most from support and intervention.

I will of course keep you as informed as possible, I'm only sorry I could not offer more detail right now.

Please do not hesitate to use the contacts list below if we can offer any further support.

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