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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As the first half of the summer term draws to a close, we wanted to write to you to express our thanks and share our pride in the wider school community at this challenging time, as well as to update you as far as possible regarding our ongoing provision after half term. Over recent weeks, students have been doing an amazing job of engaging in their remote lessons and staff and students alike have become experts in Google Classroom and a whole host of online learning platforms. As a school community, we can all take pride in the way we have come together to ensure that the global pandemic does not prevent students at Camborne Science and International Academy from continuing their educational journey.

At the time of writing, there is still much change in the national picture and many aspects of the nature of how secondary schools will re-open to full capacity are still yet to be clarified. We know that the government's ambition is for students in Years 10 and 12 to begin to have some opportunities for face-to-face provision before the summer holidays. We also know that it is highly likely that the national guidance for providing this will continue to change over the coming weeks. At CSIA, we have been working hard to plan our provision and this work will continue over the half term break and into next half term. In line with many schools locally and nationally, our intention is to start to gradually increase opportunities for students in Year 10 and 12 to access on-site provision. After half term, our provision will be divided into **three strands**:

Home Learning Provision - students in Years 7 to 10 and Year 12.

Those students not on site will continue to be set remote learning tasks via their Google Classrooms. We are looking at strategies to enhance this provision to provide further opportunities for students to engage with their teachers. We will communicate any further plans with you after half term – **we do not expect Year 10 or Year 12 students to attend school on the 1st June, unless previously arranged using current systems.** For students in Years 7 to 9 it is highly likely that all lessons will continue via our remote learning platforms for the remainder of the academic year. For students in Years 10 and 12, remote learning will form the majority of the provision, alongside any opportunities to learn on site.

On-site provision for the children of Key Workers and other invited students

For the past nine weeks, a small cohort of students have continued to access their learning within school. The students complete their normal timetabled lessons, joining the remote learning from a computer room, as well as taking part in other activities. On-site working practices have been developed to ensure that the health and safety of staff and students can be protected: regular hand washing is adhered to, measures to support social distancing have been put in place and site cleaning has been enhanced. This provision will continue after half term; if you have not previously contacted us about this provision and you believe that one or more of the parents/carers in your household may be classed as a Key Worker, please get in touch with us via enquiries@cambornescience.co.uk if you would like to discuss the possibility of joining the provision.



On-site provision for invited students in Year 10 and Year 12

During the course of the half term, and provided that the local and national health and safety circumstances allow it, we will gradually begin to introduce some opportunities for on-site learning for invited students in these year groups. Individual families will be contacted about their child's provision and will be invited to attend on specific days and times; students will not be able to attend the CSIA campus at other times.

Please be reassured that the ongoing health and safety of students and staff will be at the forefront of this provision and measures will be put in place to support safe working. Alongside social distancing measures, enhanced hand washing and site cleaning, this is likely to include staggered start and finish times, breaks and lunchtimes in order to ensure that national best practice is followed. On site provision will gradually begin in the early weeks of next half term, and in the first instance will prioritise those subject areas where the nature of the work means it cannot be completed remotely.

Following this, those students who are not engaging in the remote learning will be prioritised. Our ambition is for all students in Years 10 and 12 to have some opportunity to engage in face-to-face learning next half term.

Regardless of which group students fall into, our absolute determination continues to be that while the global pandemic may have closed our site for the majority of students, all students must continue to be able to learn and develop: we are your school, and we are here for you. Please do keep in touch.

In closing, I will leave you with some words from Queen Elizabeth II, spoken in reference to the Northern Ireland peace process, but which ring true in our current circumstances.

"Whatever life throws at us, our individual responses will be all the stronger for working together and sharing the load."

- Queen Elizabeth II

Yours faithfully,

Simon Horner
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