



Blackfen School for Girls

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I said that I would update you on the opening of Blackfen school for more students (years 10 and 12) from Monday 15 June 2020.

We are presently completing the final stages of our planning and our risk assessment. These are due to go to the governing body for a meeting on Monday for approval.

Early next week I will write to you again to confirm the arrangements for the first 3 weeks of this programme. The government guidance states that this is face-to-face support for students to supplement their remote learning. Only 25% of the total cohort of year 10 or year 12 students are allowed in school on any one day. Safety of staff and students is of paramount importance.

This is a very brief outline of the structure for students.

1. Year 12 students will be given a timetable of days and times to attend for their subjects. They will have lessons with subject specialists. Students will only attend on the days and times specified for them.
2. Year 10 students will be allocated a day a week and a time on that day when they will come to school. Student start and finish time will be staggered. The earliest start time will be 8.30 and the latest finish time will be 1.45. This will be similar to the bubble principle in the primary school. Students will be in a bubble of up to 12 students and will remain in that bubble for their teaching time in school. Year 10 students will be taught English, Mathematics and Science during the first 3 weeks. They will be taught by a subject specialist.

I realise that these will be anxious times for you, as parents/carers, and for your daughter/son and we will do all we can to make sure this transition is as smooth as it can be. I will write to you in more detail about the specific arrangements next week.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Brown
Head Teacher

