



**LINCOLN**  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we are in July I thought it might be useful to provide a brief update about provision in and out of the Academy.

### **Students within the Academy**

Currently we have Year 10, 12 and Key Worker groups in the Academy. As we are only allowed to have up to 25% of the government agreed year groups in at any one time, we are limited in terms of the number of students we can provide face to face support for. The two metre rule also means that classroom capacity is just nine, plus the teacher. We have instigated a clear and safe approach to movement and hygiene that is working smoothly. Year 10 students currently attend one day per week in fixed classes of nine students. Teachers and staff are also attached to these days so as to minimise risk. Year 12 students receive sessions in school covering all of their subjects over a two week rota. Key worker students are in each day again with a fixed group of staff. Given the most recent government guidance we are busy planning for a wider return of students in September.

### **Priory Lincoln Rainbow Baccalaureate**

Many students have been working hard at home and have fully engaged in our Priory Lincoln Rainbow rewards and recognition scheme. It has been great to see some of their efforts and contributions on social media. It is really important that the work we set is completed. It provides a strong platform for when we all eventually return and maintains the discipline that is needed to succeed. I know that our tutors and other staff have been in touch to provide support, advice and care over this prolonged period. In many cases this has helped further improve this important relationship.

### **Home learning**

Throughout lockdown our staff have ensured students have been provided with weekly home learning. Classcharts has been our main communication platform for setting of work. Parents should have received their own log in details, via a letter, which allows you to monitor what is being set. In addition students have been sent a weekly summary email to their school account, further outlining the work set and how to submit. The format for submission varies between subjects but is mainly through email or online quizzes. Students can also use their school email to directly contact their teachers about any work that has been set. For those students without regular IT access we have posted weekly work packs.

Departments have made different decisions about the type of work to be completed, so you and your child will have noticed variations in approach across different subjects. Each Head of Faculty and Head of Department has made careful and considerate decisions and continue to monitor how their process

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works. You will have likely noticed adjustments along the way. We thank you for your understanding as we continue to develop the best approach for the students' benefit. As part of our process of building our home learning package students may now receive links to pre-recorded lessons from their teachers via Microsoft stream.

Emails, classcharts and Streams can be downloaded as an app so students can access their school work on a phone or tablet as well as a PC/laptop.

### **Pastoral Support**

Ensuring our students had a line of communication with us was a top priority at the beginning of lockdown. Tutors have been in regular email contact with their tutees, to make sure students feel supported and connected with school during this period of disruption. Our pastoral team have also been making regular phone calls to families and home visits where appropriate. Students will have received links to assemblies and quizzes from our heads of house to further support our academy community.

We have completed the task of calculating grades for students in Yr11 and 13 and these have been provided to the examination boards in line with their guidance. These grades will now be moderated by the examination boards ready for release in August. For those students in yr11 and 13, we will be writing to you soon with details of the arrangements for results days in August. It is our current intention to invite students in these year groups in to the academy on their results days to receive support and guidance on next steps. We have also provided examination boards with calculated unit grades for vocational qualifications for Yr10 and Yr12 students for units that should have been completed from the 20<sup>th</sup> March until the end of term. This is in line with the government's commitment to ensure that no students are disadvantaged by not being able to attend school. OFQUAL are launching a consultation in the very near future on the arrangements for GCSE and A level examinations in 2021 and we will communicate with you further once we have the detail of the outcomes from the consultation.

We are excited to announce that from September there will be a change in the current pastoral structure. Students will be supported and guided by a Head of Year rather than a Head of House. Students will continue to receive support from a dedicated pastoral manager, in addition to their form tutor. Our pastoral team have been working hard to ensure a smooth transition ready for September and will continue to work as a close team. Our house system remains an important part of Lincoln Academy. Our students will continue to be a member of a house and be encouraged to take part in the variety of house events throughout the year.

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

The Free School Meal voucher scheme is now running smoothly and efficiently. The Government announced a few weeks ago that they would be supplying financial support to provide free school meals over the summer holiday period, continuing with the voucher system. This extends to Years 11 and 13 as well.

### **SIXTH FORM**

The Year 11s who are staying with us in the new academic year into the Sixth Form (the majority of the year group) will have all the induction materials supplied to them online. On the Sixth Form page on Sharepoint, there is a Sixth Form Induction page which has information about each subject with details about what you will be studying on the course, and how you will be examined.

The Year 13 students who have applied for university are still going ahead with their applications and are awaiting news as to how their course will start in the coming months. Mrs Taylor, our careers expert, has supported a number of students applying for courses at all levels; Year 11 and Year 13. Currently the majority of students who have applied for their course beyond Level 3 courses, have received conditional or unconditional offers that look promising for them to go on to enrol on to their chosen pathways. A number of our students have also secured apprentices in a variety of industries thanks to their hard work and the support of the Sixth Form team.

#### **TERM DATES 2020-2021**

Term 1

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Term 2

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Term 3

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Term 4

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Term 5

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

May Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

Term 6

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The situation changes on a daily basis and we will keep you informed about our plans when significant government announcements are made.

Yours sincerely



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