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30th June 2020

Dear Parents & Carers



Academic Summer School for Year 10 Most Able Pupils

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Firstly, I hope that everyone is well and I thank you for your support so far in managing the current circumstances. We would like to invite your child to attend an academic summer school between **Monday 17th August and Friday 21st August 2020.**

Your child would attend the school site each day for the duration of three hours and receive three 60-minute lessons in English, Mathematics and Science. Your child has been selected because they are identified as a 'Most Able' pupil due to their Key Stage 2 SATs data. This academic summer school aims to support their progress towards the very top GCSE grades of 8 and 9 in English, Mathematics and Science. It will also help to prepare them for the 2020-2021 academic year.

Arrangements will be similar to those currently in place for Year 10 lessons at Barr Beacon School. Pupils will arrive at school for 8.50am and will enter through the top gate and report directly to the Hall where they will be registered at a distance of 2 metres. All pupils will depart from the top gate at 12.10pm. We will ensure that the most up-to-date Government guidance is adhered to, to ensure a safe working environment is created for both our pupils and staff. When pupils are on site, they will be grouped into teaching pods of a maximum of 8 pupils allowing for sufficient spacing between pupils in classrooms.

When pupils are on site, they will remain in the same room for the duration of their lesson. Three lessons will be delivered which will each last for 60 minutes. Pupils will not necessarily be placed with the teacher that they were timetabled with before the enforced closure. However, a specialist teacher will be made available for English, Mathematics and Science.

During their time on site, pupils will not leave their allotted teaching venue except to use the facilities to clean and sanitise their hands. After the first 60-minute session, the teacher will change but the pupils will remain in the same room.

Pupils will not be able to purchase any food or drinks. If your child wishes to bring a drink they must bring their own refreshments. Please remember that we do not accept glass bottles on site and energy drinks are not permitted.

Pupils are not expected to wear their school uniform, although we expect pupils to be dressed appropriately and to avoid wearing skirts, tops and shorts that are revealing.

We will not be providing school buses in line with the government's advice to minimise the use of public transport. I would urge you to arrange for your child to walk to school, where possible, or for you to drop them via car at the school site. Staff parking will be at a minimum so there will be space available on the Sports Hall car park to collect pupils.

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Pupils must bring their own equipment to school, which should include two pens, a green pen, a pencil, a ruler, a rubber and a calculator. This will help us to reduce the contact between staff and pupils. Pupils will not be submitting work on paper to be marked by staff as this creates a risk of spreading the disease.

If a pupil demonstrates any symptoms of Covid-19, they will be directed to go to a designated area within the school where they will only be in contact with a member of staff wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). If your child displays any symptoms of Covid-19 while at school, you will be contacted and you must collect them from the site immediately. We will not be able to allow the pupil to travel home alone. First aid for any other illness or ailment will operate in the usual manner.

If a pupil in the pod of 8 in which your child has been taught begins to demonstrate symptoms of Covid-19, they must isolate for 14 days. I would ask that you inform us of this immediately if your child will need to isolate by contacting <u>postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk</u>. All children within their pod will also be required to isolate as well as the teachers and support staff. We will inform you if your child has potentially come into contact with a pupil who begins to display symptoms.

I hope that I have been able to provide a thorough breakdown of how we will be working to protect your child, whilst at the same time being able to provide them with some face to face contact with a specialist teacher.

What happens next?

We will send you a survey asking you to confirm if your child will be attending the Academic Summer School. If you agree to your child attending the Academic Summer School, further details will be sent to you.

In the meantime, if you have any questions that I have not answered above, please contact postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

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Yours sincerely

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