



Dear Student,

I hope you are well and not missing your school, friends, and teachers too much. I have missed having you around and seeing you each day to have a chat or even just to say hello! and my colleagues have also missed you and teaching you face to face. It is frustrating that the closure of our school has disrupted your education in the way that it has, and I appreciate that the continuity of your learning in Year 10 has been somewhat disrupted.

However, looking positively at what has been a challenging time for you, the end of Year 10 concludes Key Stage 3, and therefore you will now move forward as you begin Key Stage 4 in Year 11 to study subject courses for 2 years which will lead to the awarding of GCSE and Level 2 qualifications in Summer 2022. While the transition from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4 is a challenging one, we are confident that you will approach this new and exciting chapter in your learning with the positive attitude and maturity required to work hard and achieve the qualifications you will need to pursue future learning and/or to enter a career of your choice when you are 16 years old.

Included with this letter is a summary table of the qualification courses you will be studying in Years 11 and 12 and alongside the Core subjects are the Option Subjects which have been allocated to you after our Key Stage 4 Options process. If you have any questions about our Key Stage 4 Options process please contact my Vice-Principal, Mr Carrick, via his email address: scarrick935@c2kni.net

If you were unable to return your Options Subjects form before the school closed at the end of March, then a summary table of subjects is not included with this letter. Therefore, you must report to Mr Carrick's office on your first day back to school after the Summer break and he will assist you in the selection of available Option Subjects. Once Option Subjects have started in September there may be an opportunity to move to a different subject within an option block, but this decision must only be made in consultation with Mr Carrick and such subject changes would not be permitted after **Friday 25th September**.

I know being away from school and working from home will not have been easy for you, and therefore Mr Carrick and I intend to make this transition to your next phase of learning as smooth as possible taking into account the challenging times the Breda community will face with implementing measures to protect you and your families from COVID 19.





The Education Minister, Peter Weir, confirmed on the 2nd June 2020 that the Department of Education for Northern Ireland has started its **Restart Programme** which will put in place the detailed arrangements which will enable a safe reopening of schools. The Education Minister said;

"Subject to medical guidance and safety it would be my aim to see a phased reopening of schools, beginning with a limited provision for key cohort years in late August, followed by phased provision for all pupils at the beginning of September. This will not be a return to school as it was prior to COVID 19, but rather a new normal reflective of social distancing and a medically safe regime. For all pupils it will involve a schedule with a mixture of school attendance and remote learning at home."

Breda Academy will adhere with the set guidelines and I will inform you and your parents/carers how these will be implemented in our school setting. I will send you a further update by letter in due course about what we are doing and you will also receive a Welcome Back Pack outlining your attendance at school schedule, 'blended' learning guidance (in school and at home) and possible changes to our normal school routine including school bus timetables.

Please continue with your set work for each subject on Google Classrooms until at least the end of June as this will prevent you from falling behind and having to catch-up on missed learning. I wish you an enjoyable and safe summer break and I very much look forward to seeing you again most likely in late August or early September and please do not worry about your return to school as I know my staff team will work tirelessly to support you and take care of you, so you get off to a great start and make lots of progress in your next Key Stage of learning.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Perry - Acting Principal

