

Year 10

Summer Learning Guide for Educational Provision

Monday June 15 to Friday 17 July 2020



Dear Year 10 students

We are delighted to be welcoming you back for a condensed one day per week learning experience with us on site. All students in Year 10 will be receiving six lessons on site, from Monday 15 June each week.

Please be aware that we are still in the midst of this global health emergency, so this will be a very different experience and not like a normal school day. We must all ensure that we are not risking the transmission of coronavirus due to the effect that it can have to some, and especially the older, members of our communities. As such we will be operating the school in lines with strict covid-secure protocols in order to keep everyone safe.

Following the practice from many countries around the world, you will be allocated a 'learning pod' (group) with which you will share your in-school lessons for the next five weeks. You will also be assigned a classroom with lots of space and your own desk so that you can remain socially distanced at all times.

Despite being an unusual situation this will provide a different learning setting which has advantages as well as the obvious disadvantages.

The main purpose of the in school lessons will be to:

- Close the gap with your knowledge and understanding of what you have covered during lockdown
- Develop understanding of the more difficult topics covered so far this year
- Provide additional stretch and challenge for students aiming for grade 9s
- Provide help and support for those students who have found home learning particularly challenging.

The subjects that will be covered in school initially will be **Mathematics, English, Biology, Chemistry** and **Physics**. You will also receive a study support session with either your Head of Year or Head of Key Stage. We plan to offer some contact for option subjects later during the term and we will give you further details nearer the time.

All subjects will continue to provide teaching and learning activities remotely however we will take account of the fact that for one day per week you will be in school for three hours.

We are committed to ensuring that, despite these exceptional circumstances, we will teach you everything you need in order to be highly successful, both at the end of the course and beyond. We are also keen to support you in taking the new opportunities which any major change brings about.

Use this guide and accompanying video, to prepare you for your safe return to school.

Mr O'Regan
Deputy Headteacher
Key Stage Manager

My Journey to School

In order to keep our entire community safe, it is essential that everyone travels to and from school safely as possible. As such please walk, arrange for parents/carers to drive you or cycle if you are able to do so safely. Try to avoid public transport.

Walking

Well done if you are walking to school. You are keeping your community safe and saving the planet! Please discuss your route with your parents and take exceptional care on the roads. Avoid using your mobile while walking as this creates a target for theft and also lowers your road safety awareness.

Parent/Carer Taxi

If you are lucky enough to get a lift in a car please ask your parents/carers to drive onto site through the main school gates at the eastern end of Hartford Road and turn left as you enter the site. You will be allowed to alight your vehicle in the Top Car Park by the field, and will be met by staff to assist you.

Your parents/carers should remain in the car and then leave via the West Gate. At the end of the learning session they should return to the Top Car Park, entering by the main entrance, the East Gate, and wait for you. They should arrive no earlier than 12.45. If your parents/carers are waiting for you to arrive, they should remain in their cars. After pick up, ask your parents/carers to leave Hartford Road at the first opportunity to avoid creating congestion in and around the local community. This may involve driving around Bexley Village.

Cycling

If you have received safety guidance and training on cycling on London roads then you will be permitted to arrive by bike and park in the bike racks. Please remember to bring a lock to secure your bike. Only one student may enter a bike rack at a time and full social distancing must be maintained. Cycling on London roads can be exceptionally dangerous and only students who have received training in road safety should use this method.

Please remember that for young people, roads are far more dangerous than coronavirus and you must plan your travel seriously.

Public Transport

If you are unable to travel by any of the above then you are permitted to use public transport however you must:

- Wear a face mask
- Maintain social distancing as much as possible
- Not use the bus to meet up and socialise
- Wash hands with sanitiser upon getting on and getting off of the bus
- Be exceptionally polite, as always, to staff and fellow travellers.

Arriving in School

Arriving by car or bike

If you arrive by car or bike you will be dropped off in the Top Car Park, by the field. You must then head straight to your class and meet your first teacher and learning pod. Do not hang around to speak to other students. The route you take depends on the class:

A4, A5, B2, B6, C1, M5, M1, MCC

Walk down the short steps by IT4/5 into the LRC Quad and then to your room via the staircase closest to your room and using outdoor routes as far as possible.

B12, B14, C2, C4,

Enter the main building via the Hall entrance (by EIN) into the foyer. For the C rooms, go up the stairs, (by the House shields).

Arriving on foot

If you arrive on foot you should walk along the drive towards the MCC and into the Millennium Quad. You should then head straight to your room to meet your first teacher and learning pod members.

At all times you must follow the one-way routes around the school site and ensure you observe social distancing by waiting patiently for those before you to move on. We accept that this new way of moving about the site will be a challenge however, don't worry, we will be there to help you!

'If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.' Henry Ford

My Lessons

You will receive lessons each week in:

- Mathematics
- English
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics

Lessons will be taught by subject specialists. You will not be getting your usual teacher however, all learning activities will be set centrally by departments. This will ensure that all students get similar support and those students who have been told to stay at home self-isolating can be supported also. Lessons will be 30 minutes each and a 10 minute break will be given half way through at the end of the third lesson; you will be required to remain in the classroom and remain socially distance during this break.

You should bring your work for each subject, and ensure you have thought of a list of questions for any areas you haven't understood or that need further clarification or further practice.

Please note we are planning to change the lessons from core to options in July (we will give you further details closer to the time) however, you must continue to complete home learning tasks (for all subjects) alongside in-school lessons (see My Online Learning) for all subjects.

In addition to the subjects above you will also receive an academic mentoring session. These sessions will focus on:

- What is working well in terms of home learning
- What are the gaps in learning
- How to be productive at home
- How to build resilience and motivation
- Future goals
- How to access additional support.

What books and equipment do I need?

Staff and Students are not permitted to share equipment. This means that you need to be organised! Please bring with you:

- Pen
- Spare pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Calculator
- Your five subject exercise books.

New books will not be issued so please bring a spare pad or folder with paper in the event that you do not have current exercise books.

In order to keep the site covid-secure there will be no printing, no use of the LRC or lockers. You should not bring in work to hand in as your teachers will not mark paper copies – all work submissions must be done electronically and not in person.

My Online Learning

During the rest of the summer term learning tasks and activities will be set online using Showmyhomework and other online platforms. It is essential that your home learning habits continue to develop and improve as some amount of online home learning may be required next year. Becoming a self-motivated independent learner is also the ultimate goal of academic proficiency so developing this mind-set and learning habits during lock down will empower you to be successful at A level, University and throughout your professional life beyond.

If at any stage you become overwhelmed by the learning demands you must speak to your Form Tutor (or Head of Year) immediately.

We cannot guarantee there will be no clashes of learning activities between in-school lessons and online learning. In the event of a clash the in-school lessons should be the priority and you should inform the teacher of the online learning of the issue for them to work around.

Seizing the Day

As with every unusual situation in life there are new opportunities for you to take advantage of. Below are a series of ideas for how you can use the extra time at home to pave the way for a great future!

- Read around your subjects..... if you want to study something for A level why not pick a book from the **Super Curriculum** to read? Set yourself a target of one new book per month and give yourself 2 hours reading time before bed each night.
- Sign up for a **MOOC**? A MOOC is a Mass Open Online Course run by a university. Why not pick a topic which interests you and do some serious high level learning? You must seek parental permission before signing up however to ensure you are safe online.
- Immerse yourself in your modern foreign language. Watch films or cartoons online in your chosen language. Listen to music only in that language. Speak to your friends also studying that language.
- Learn about future careers at <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/>
- Learn about STEM careers <https://www.stem.org.uk/stem-careers/science-careers-support>

In years to come when you are asked, 'how did you spend your lock down time?' What will you say?

Using the Toilet

We are asking students to use the toilet at home before leaving the house whenever possible, however we understand that some boys may need to go while on site. In the event that this is required a member of staff will collect you from your classroom and take you to the toilet. In the event that there are others waiting to use the toilet you must form a queue with a 2 metre distance.

Hand Washing

All students should bring a small bottle of hand sanitiser with them so that they can clean their hands regularly throughout the day. There will also be hand sanitisers located across the school site for you to use. We ask you use these hand sanitisers before you enter and as you leave the classroom and site.

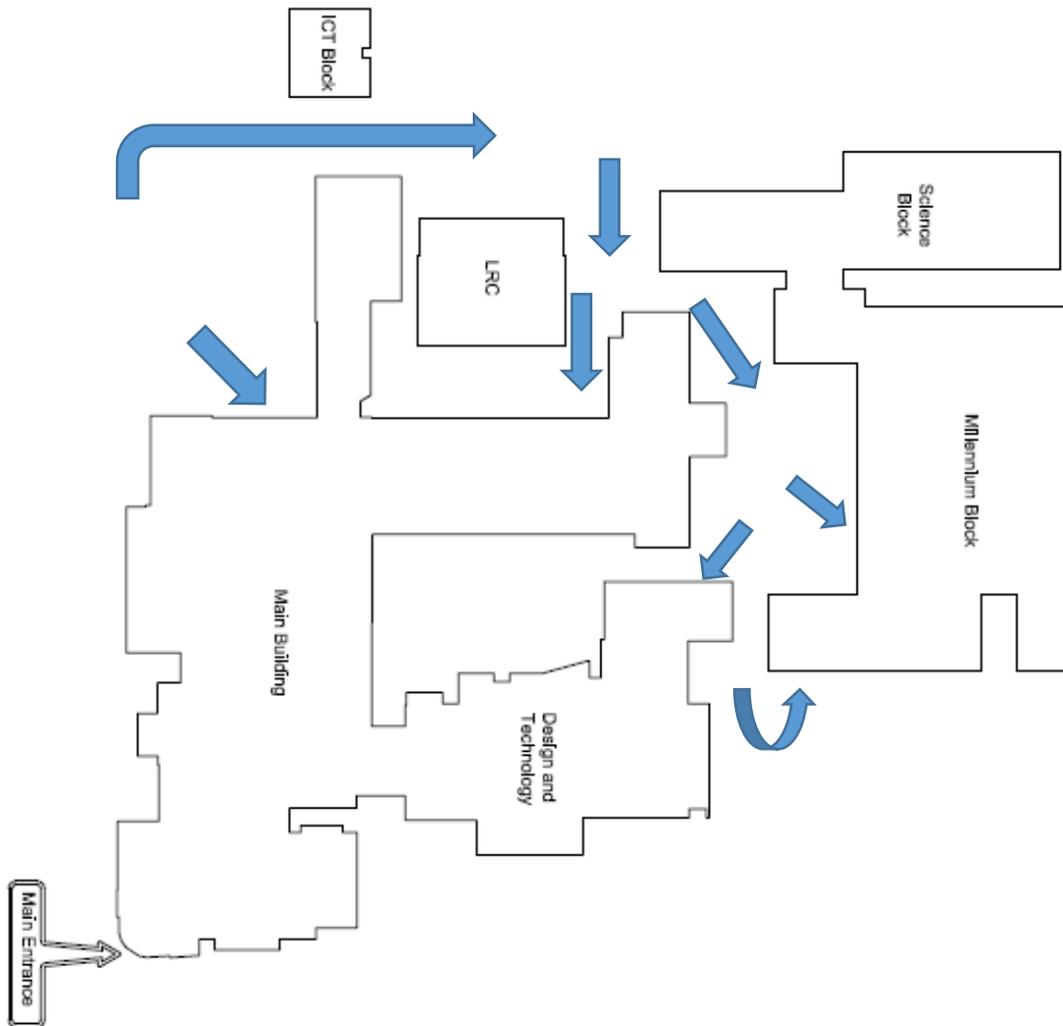
Shielding or Feeling Unwell

If you have been asked to isolate at home with your family or are feeling unwell you should not attend school. If this happens then please ask your parents to contact the main school admin (admin@beths.bexley.sch.uk) immediately so we are aware and can ensure that you don't miss out.

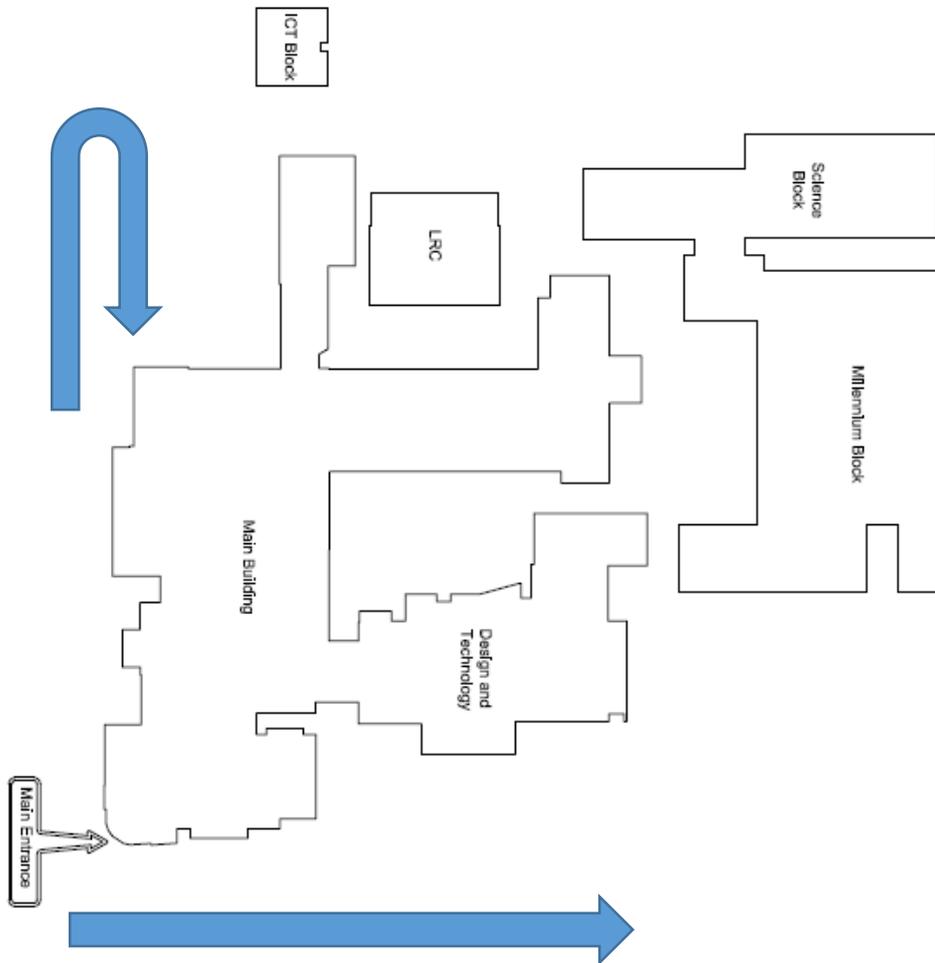
Snacks and Water

There will be no catering available on site nor water provided. You are welcome to bring a bottle of water as normal from home and a small snack for consumption at 10.30 if you wish. Healthy food snacks such as cereal bars and fruit are encouraged. Healthy eating habits formed now will help keep you healthy in old age! There will be a short break each day at 10.30 for you to relax within your pod classroom.

Site Guide – Arriving by Car or Bike



Site Guide – Arriving on Foot



School Uniform

Normal school uniform is required for Year 10 however a blazer is optional; normal summer order rules apply. You should wash your uniform between each day you are on site. Face masks are not required on the school site and if not using public transport. However, should you or your parents/carers feel safer with you wearing one, that is permitted but it should be plain with no markings.

Other Rules

It is strictly forbidden for Beths Students to meet in groups before or after school, both on or off site.

Breaking this rule constitutes a serious breach of the behaviour policy and the most serious sanctions could be applied. We understand that these rules will restrict your freedom significantly and may lessen your enjoyment for school however we must be committed to keeping everyone safe both within Beths and the wider community.

Support

This is a challenging time for many students and families. As ever we are keen to help you in every way we possibly can. If you require any special support in accessing your education this term please contact one of the following:

- Form Tutor
- Head of Year – msclarke@beths.bexley.sch.uk
- Mr Ward – school SENCO and learning support - mrward@beths.bexley.sch.uk
- School Councillors – wellbeing and support – msbrett-smith@beths.bexley.sch.uk or msjones@beths.bexley.sch.uk
- Ms Searby – financial support - mssearby@beths.bexley.sch.uk

‘Everyone has the right to education. Education shall be free.... Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.’
United Nations Declaration of Human Rights 1948

End of Day Dismissal

After your learning you must leave the site in the route directed by staff maintaining the full 2 metre distancing and head straight home without gathering or heading into the village. Toilets will be available if needed, however we ask all students to wait and use toilets at home if at all possible as toilet use will slow down the dismissal.

Attendance

Please note that all students are expected to attend as it is important that you make the required progress before the start of Year 11. In the event that there is a direct health reason why you cannot attend, such as you are in the shielding category or you have been told as a family to self-isolate, your parents should contact the school via the reception initially and then inform your Head of Year so that we can provide you with any additional support as needed. *If you are unwell you should not attend school.*

‘You have to be in it to win it.’