

Overview of George Spencer Academy Offers

15th June 2020 onwards

(All details are subject to change)

At George Spencer Academy we are driven to provide our students with a positive learning experience that gives them the best possible chance of learning and developing.

As an ethos driven school, we continue to centre our approach on wrap-around care running alongside a strong academic offer. The safety and well-being of our students and staff remains integral to the offers we provide.

Our Offers:

- **Remote Learning Offer** for Year 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12.
- **In-School Offer** for students who fall into the category of 'key worker' and 'vulnerable'.
- **Year 10 and Year 12 Face to Face Offer.**
- **Year 11 and Year 13** support.
- **Well-Being** support.

Remote Learning Offer:

- **Remote Learning Offer is overseen by Miss Gordon, Vice Principal.**
- The offer is aimed at Year 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12.

Our remote learning offer via Google Classroom will continue to be our primary means of educating our students. Teachers will engage in Google Classroom on a regular basis; interacting with the students in their class; marking completed work; and providing academic support and feedback.

On a weekly basis our teachers will nominate up to 10 students to receive a postcard home to acknowledge their efforts and engagement in learning.

Our Pastoral Team will continue to contact home to check in with students and families and offer any support or guidance required.

Please note: Students who do not have access to Google Classroom will continue to receive paper versions of learning material directly from their teachers. Any additional support needed by these students or their parents/carers can be accessed by contacting the Pupil Support Centre.

Next week Miss Gordon will write to the parents/carers of Year 9 students to provide details of how the offer will be enhanced to support Year 9 students and their option choices for key stage 4.

In-School Offer:

- **The In-School Offer is overseen by Mr Hartley and Mr Dakers, Assistant Principals.**
- The offer is open to all year groups.

Our In-school Offer remains our means to provide support for families of students who fall into the categories of 'key worker' or 'vulnerable'. Our offer is open to students who fall into either of these categories from Monday to Friday.

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On a daily basis the students will engage in the remote learning offer, engage in physical activities, and have opportunities to be creative and develop new skills.

The In-School Offer is running in an area of the school which is only accessible to the students attending the offer. We have systems in place to promote social distancing and good hygiene, for example: students regularly washing their hands throughout the day, students given their own keyboard for remote learning, and students in small groups no bigger than 10 with 2 metre distancing being enforced wherever possible.

It is important to note that a student in Year 10 can not attend the face to face offer if they are attending the In-School Offer. As per government guidance it is important students remain in 'bubbles' (the same groups) as much as possible when on school site.

Later this week Mr Dakers and Mr Hartley will write to all parents/carers to provide details about the offer itself with information of how to register for the In-School Offer.

Year 10 and Year 12 Face to Face Offer:

- **Face to Face Offer is overseen by Miss Jenkinson, Vice Principal.**
- The offer is open to Year 10 and Year 12.
- The offer is optional and the decision lies with the parent/carer as to whether their child attends.

From **Monday 15th June** we will be starting an additional face to face offer. This offer is to support and enhance remote learning for students in Year 10 and Year 12. The remote learning offer will continue to be the primary means for providing an education.

The safety and welfare of both students and staff have been the driving force in planning this offer. We are starting small with the capacity to develop the offer when ready. We have a phased approach to embedding the offer with frequent review periods planned. We are beginning by alternating weeks between the two year groups with a review during the second week.

- Week Beginning 15th June – Year 12 Face to Face sessions – Mornings (10am -12pm)
- Week Beginning 22nd June – Year 10 Face to Face sessions – Afternoons (1pm – 3pm)
(Year 12 revert back to learning solely through remote offer at home and must not come into school).

Miss Jenkinson will write to Year 10 and 12 parents/carers today (Monday 1st June) to provide details of the offer with key dates and details of measures we have put in place to maximise the safety and minimise any health risks to students and staff. We will write to Year 10 and Year 12 parents/carers again after the review with details for the rest of the half term.

An overview of the offer is as follows:

Year 12	Year 10
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Based on lower site. Entry must be through lower site gate. (No access via upper site – bridge not in use)• A typical student would attend 3 mornings in a week for 2 hours.• They will stay in one classroom with their teacher and leave straight after their session.• The Year 12 offer is W/B Monday 15th June.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Based on upper site. Entry must be through upper site gate. (No access via lower site – bridge not in use)• Students will attend one afternoon in a week for 2 hours. They will be given a 'day' that will stay the same. They will also be given a time to arrive.• The offer will focus on core subjects in their first week.• The Year 10 offer is W/B Monday 22nd June.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be a signed route for entry and exit to the site. Social distancing will be expected and enforced by SLT.• There will be well-being support for students.• Students repeatedly breaking social distancing or any other safety measure will not be able to continue accessing the offer. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They will stay in one classroom and when necessary teachers will move rooms not the students.• There will be a signed route for entry and exit to the site. Social distancing will be expected and enforced by SLT.• There will be well-being support for students.• Students repeatedly breaking social distancing or any other safety measure will not be able to continue accessing the offer. |
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Year 11 and Year 13 Support:

Both Year 11 and Year 13 remain an important part of our community. The Directors of Learning for both cohorts are heavily focused on leaving celebrations and are mindful that these students are not forgotten.

Google Classrooms for both cohorts remains a platform for maintaining contact and an ongoing dialogue with the students. They also continue to have access to our offer to support their preparation for the next stage of the education journey.

Well-Being Support:

- **Well-being support is overseen by Mr Dakers, Assistant Principal and Senior Safeguarding Lead.**
- The offer is open to all students and their families.

Our well-being support can be accessed remotely and on-site. We have a dedicated team who are on hand to support our students. The below poster has previously been shared for those requiring support remotely:

George Spencer Well Being Line

Do you feel like you need some support?
Would you like to talk to someone but feel uncomfortable doing it in person?
Are you worried about another pupil?
Are you being bullied but feel uncomfortable speaking to someone in person?

07969 203 860

Call or text at any time and leave a message.
You will be offered advice, guidance and support.

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From Monday 15th June we will have designated Well-Being Drop-In for students to access if they are in school.

Further to this offer, if a parent/carer would like to talk to us about any concerns, or discuss some bespoke support the Pupil Support Unit is open daily to take calls and emails.