



Cardinal Langley RC High School

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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Education Support Plan 2021/22

As we approach the end of the academic year, I want to give you an outline of the additional activities we are planning for next year to support all our young people as we move out of the pandemic. We appreciate this has been a challenging time for all of us and the needs of each student will be different and so there are a range of support packages to ensure there is something for all of our students.

To support the academic progress of students we have reviewed our curriculum and developed a '**Cardinal Langley Entitlement Curriculum**' which places the national curriculum at its core, but also includes a range of activities and experiences outside of the classroom which we believe will significantly enhance the learning. This will provide all students with a core list of experiences and skills which we believe are important for young people to take an active role in society. I will provide further detail regarding the Entitlement Curriculum on September.

The Government has introduced a National Tutor Programme with the intention of providing high quality individual and small group intervention to students across Years 7 to 11. The full details of this are yet to be announced but we have been part of the programme this year and the feedback has been very positive. In addition to this, we intend to continue to use our Sixth Form students as tutors and will open our Learning Resource Centre before and after school for homework support. We have also invested in a number of online packages to support learning; GCSE Pod, Mathswatch, Century and other subject specific websites.

One of the positive aspects of lockdown has been the effective use of technology and high quality of remote learning we have been able to provide which has limited any learning gaps. We have all discovered new ways of learning and many of the benefits of using technology will continue. To support this, we are introducing a laptop loan scheme to allow students to access the technology when needed, with devices available for short term loans and available at the end of each day.

Students in Year 11 & 13 next year will have specific packages of support to help them prepare for their exams. We have again teamed up with Elevate to offer study skills sessions and these will be complemented by a range of topics as part of our form time programme. Positive Steps will again be providing our careers advice and we will have our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 11th November. It is expected that exams will take place next year but there has not yet been any details regarding how these might be adapted.

At Cardinal Langley we strongly believe that the main areas that children have missed out on during the pandemic have been the enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities. Across the next academic year, we will be including an increased number of enrichment and community activities for all students to be involved





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in. Many of these will be part of our Entitlement Curriculum and funded by school. We are planning a Mission Week in November to coincide with the COP26 UN climate conference so that all students can be involved in activities that support the environment and sustainability. Our annual show will also take place again this year and we are planning for Grease in the spring term.

The school is part of the Greater Manchester #BeeWell project and our excellent pastoral system will be complemented with additional support for health & wellbeing. The Myriad Project, in conjunction with Oxford University, will continue and we are also working with the Youth Sport Trust as part of the Well Schools initiative. More information will follow at the start of next term.

During the course of next year, we are going to be exploring the link between reading for pleasure and wellbeing. Research from The National Literacy Trust shows that children who enjoy reading are more likely to have good wellbeing than children who don't enjoy reading. Reading for just ten minutes a day has been linked to reducing stress and making children feel happier. As a community, we are looking forward to the challenge of reading together more often.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that School Synergy is the main method of communication between home and school. School Synergy allows parents and carers to access information regarding their child's attendance, timetable, achievement points and behaviour, as well as viewing and downloading academic reports and booking parents' evening times. We kindly ask that you are regularly checking the parent portal for updates relevant to you and your child/children. The portal can be accessed by clicking on this link [School Synergy Parent Portal](#).

There is still some uncertainty about the challenges we may face in the next academic year but I hope this gives you an idea of the range of support we are intending to offer and some of the opportunities that will be available to your son / daughter.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Bridson
Headteacher

