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Some of you may have heard of the ridiculous slapstick of the incompetent Keystone Cops but it's probably a good way of explaining the last two weeks. You could hardly make up the comedic scenario of being promised guidance, failing to get it and when you do it's in the middle of half term and raises more questions than answers.

You might like to know what work has been undertaken since the last newsletter.

- We have completed the first draft of a detailed Risk Assessment of the three sites of the school. (Available on school website).
- We are sourcing all the necessary signage and resources in support of this.
- We have completed an audit of staff to ensure that we have a sufficient number of staff available to deliver and support these 1-1 sessions for Y10.
- We have planned the structure of these 1 to 1 sessions (which we are calling **Recovery Conversations**). They will cover wellbeing, a progress update and planned actions for the future.
- Staff have completed progress updates to inform these meetings which will last up to 30 minutes..
- We will be asking Y10 students to complete a self-reflection questionnaire in advance of these sessions.
- We will be sharing our Risk Assessment for these meetings to allow you to choose whether you want to attend in person or not.
- Parents will be offered alternatives either by phone or via a ZOOM video call.
- These Recovery Conversations will take place between 15th June and 19th June.
- Staff have prepared resources so that students can see the 'Big Picture' of the expected learning over the remaining weeks of this term.
- Staff have completed all necessary work in completing accurate assessments of Y11 and Y13 students and these will now be

inputted and sent to the exam boards for standardisation.

- A lot of work has been undertaken to support an effective transition for new Year 7 too.

We have received responses from the Council and our local MP to clarify the position on the lack of provision of school transport. Unfortunately neither could guarantee school services to McAuley in the next half term. We share this as a major concern.

We are continuing to improve the Remote Learning experience for all year groups and this style of learning is evolving based on the feedback we have received from pupils, parents/carers and teachers.

One of the clichés marking this period has to be 'uncertain times'. We have always used the principle of trying to be in as much control as possible and create as much certainty as possible.

We will always do our best to explain why we make the decisions we do as well as listening and responding to your questions. That's why on Monday 8th June at 8pm we will be holding a Facebook live Q&A where you can ask questions and we will answer them. (If you have any specific concerns or queries regarding opening of school for Recovery Conversations or other concerns please do get in contact via Facebook or by emailing jtucker@mcauley.org.uk. You can find us on Facebook @McAuleySch.)

At McAuley the real **keystone** is our Faith. It is the foundation by which we run our school and, as such, we take the education of your children very seriously. The very many messages of kindness and support really mean an awful lot to us. I believe that the bonds between us all have never been stronger.

God Bless and keep safe.

John Rooney

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