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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all continuing to keep safe and well as we come to the end of another week of the 'new normal'. Having written to you earlier this week, and with there having been relatively few concrete developments since then, this letter is hopefully just a useful summary of where we are at with our current ways of working for the next week or so.

### **Childcare Provision**

As I explained in my letter earlier this week, there have currently been no changes to the categories of student who should attend our childcare provision. Please do contact the school via [contactportal@helsbyhigh.org.uk](mailto:contactportal@helsbyhigh.org.uk) if you would like to make enquiries regarding attendance next week, over the half-term holiday (including the Bank Holiday on Monday 25 May) or after half-term in June.

### **Learning From Home**

We will continue to provide learning activities via ShowMyHomework next week (Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May), approximately 30 minutes per lesson and hence 2½-3 hours in total per day. We have also signed up for the Local Authority's virtual **Careers Festival** next week - please see attached details. This is an exciting opportunity for students in all years, including Years 11 and 13, to use the time currently at their disposal to think about their futures and possible careers they may be interested in exploring further. If a few subjects don't set any learning on ShowMyHomework next week it will be because they are creating space for students to 'attend' the Careers Festival as we appreciate that it means students will have both their set work and the Festival to access next week. We will not set any ShowMyHomework tasks over the following week's half-term holiday so if students want to focus on the Careers Festival next week and then catch up on schoolwork the week after then that would be absolutely fine.

### **Years 7, 8 and 9**

As described in my letter earlier this week, we are currently working on curriculum plans for June and July for these cohorts as it is clear they won't be returning to school until the Autumn Term. More details on this provision will follow next week.

## **Years 10 and 12**

I am sure you will be aware that the potential 're-opening' of schools from 1<sup>st</sup> June is generating much discussion in the media and is the subject of much consideration at a political level nationally. Compared to primary schools, it is becoming clear that the expected numbers on secondary school sites is likely to be far less, with small numbers of Year 10 and 12 students attending 'tutorials' a far more likely scenario than a mass return of those year groups to 'lessons' in early June.

It is very likely that further detail will follow over the course of the next week, although for now you can visit the latest update from the Department for Education for parents regarding the potential re-opening of schools at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## **Summer 2020 GCSE, A-Level and Vocational Qualification Results**

We are not aware of any recent updates following the recent Ofqual consultations on the awarding of results for Year 11 and 13 students this Summer. Once again, I would hope to be in a position to update parents in detail on this next week.

Thank you for your on-going support of both your children and the school at this time. I fully appreciate that the many of the areas covered in this letter are complex and hence please do not hesitate to school if you have any queries about anything at any time. Given so much uncertainty in nearly all areas of life at present we will continue to do our best to provide our students and families with as much clarity and information as it is possible for us to give.

Best wishes,

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