

**28/04/2020**

## **Dear Parents/Carers**

### **General Information**

We'll begin this week's letter with some good news. In addition to the 300 sets of goggles and other PPE equipment that the school recently donated to West Middlesex Hospital, the Technology department have been busy helping the NHS and other key workers. Mrs Corcoran was inspired by seeing other schools producing visors to help prevent the spread of Covid19. Using laser cutters she used an online design to start cutting out the different components to make the visors. With the help of the teachers and pupils in school, a production line was set up and 203 visors and 164 ear protectors were made. They have been delivered to care homes, community care workers, police stations and West Middlesex Hospital.

You might have seen information in the media that the Department for Education has pledged to provide laptops, tablets and internet access, to families, children and young people who do not currently have access to them providing they meet strict eligibility criteria. We have not yet been given full information about the scheme and how it will work but we will update you as soon as we are given full details about the scheme.

### **Next Steps for pupils in Years 11 and 13**

Following confirmation of the dates that results will be issued this year, we currently plan to hold admissions interviews for the Sixth Form from 10am on Friday 21st August. Please get this date in your diary. We will write to you again with a formal invitation later in the Summer term once we know more about when schools will be able to reopen.

A reminder:

- Thursday August 13th – A level/BTEC results issued
- Thursday 20 August – GCSE results issued

The updated overview guidance document for schools, parents, carers and students about awarding GCSE and A level grades can be found [here](#) and a separate letter to students from Ofqual which can be found [here](#). Ofqual have also released a video which provides information about the process for parents and students, the link can be found [here](#).

Schools have been told by the Department for Education and Ofqual that they must not discuss or share their centre assessment grades with students, parents or carers, under any circumstances, until after final results are issued. This is to protect the integrity of schools'

judgements, and to avoid anyone feeling under pressure to submit a grade that is not supported by the evidence. Could I please ask that you respect this instruction and refrain from contacting teachers to ask about the process.

Over the coming weeks, we will continue to provide guidance and transition work for Year 11 and 13 students in preparation for the courses they are to progress to in September.

## **Trips, Visits and Work Experience**

We have taken the decision to cancel all trips and visits for the remainder of the academic year. Even if lockdown ends and learners return to school, we feel the focus will need to be on re-establishing routines rather than being out of school and there is no guarantee that trips will be able to go ahead as planned anyway, particularly if social/physical distancing remains an expectation indefinitely. We will contact parents/carers about refunds when we have had the individual claims for each trip approved.

## **Free School Meals**

We recognise that some families' circumstances will have changed because of the current crisis. If you think you may now be eligible to receive free schools meals but have not yet registered please apply via this link:

[https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20025/schools\\_and\\_colleges/61/free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20025/schools_and_colleges/61/free_school_meals)

The school will be notified once your application has been approved.

## **Arrangements for Learners who are not in School**

Your son / daughter should aim to complete up to an hour of work per subject, each day. In total, no more than 4 hours. For example, 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours after lunch. In every year group, teaching staff will be available for pupils to ask any questions or to submit work for feedback, electronically. They can either take photos using their phone to submit or to scan work to be sent to individual teachers. Please ensure that pupils use their school email account.

## **Arrangements for Learners who are in School**

If you are a key worker and your family circumstances change in the coming weeks, meaning you need to discuss accessing in-school provision for your child(ren), you should contact us by e-mail as outlined at the end of this letter. We want to help support our key worker families however we can during this challenging period, although the clear advice is that children should remain at home and attending school must be seen as a last resort if you have no alternative.

## Emergency Contact

The School e-mail address is: [admin@heathland.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heathland.hounslow.sch.uk) so please also make use of that if you have a general query or concern or if you are unable to contact your child(ren)'s teacher or Head of Year directly. It is being monitored every day.

As well as checking your email please continue to check the school website for updates as we receive them.

Thank you for your continued support. Please stay safe and well.

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