

**Dear Parents/Carers**

**20/04/2020**

We hope the break from learning has been beneficial for your families, even though it has been an Easter “break” like no other holiday. We also hope that families that celebrated Easter or Vaisakhi had a happy time given the restrictions we are all living with at the moment.

Attached to the Well being letter, sent earlier today, was information that we have been asked to distribute by the local authority. They provide advice and information about local services.

### **General Information**

We thought it would be useful to provide an update at the start of this new term. As of yesterday, we know that we have at least 3 more weeks of lockdown and school closure and it is hard to imagine that schools will be able to open fully after that even if the lockdown period ends. This means that home learning will continue for most learners and in-school provision will continue, as it has done throughout the Easter period, for our most vulnerable learners and for children of key workers.

The remainder of this update is set out under the headings used previously and will provide the latest information we have.

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

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

Following last week’s announcement from Ofqual, the national exams regulator, about its plans for awarding grades to students in Years 11 and 13. There is now an updated overview guidance document for schools, parents, carers and students which 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.

The Department for Education has confirmed the following dates:

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

These dates are the same as those published at the start of this academic year, and we hope this provides further clarity for all those students receiving results in the summer.

Over the coming weeks, we plan 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**

A number of the trips that we had planned for the summer term will be rearranged at a later date. However, some trips have been cancelled and 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**

**Years 7,8,9** – You have been sent the revised homework timetable. Pupils should be working towards 3 or 4 periods each day to start after Easter.

**Year 10** - Your son / daughter should, where possible, aim to keep to the school timetable and work towards 4 hours in total.

**Year 12** - Your son / daughter should aim to keep to their normal school timetable and staff will be setting work daily.

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.

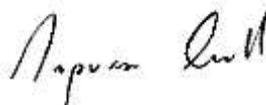
Thank you for your continued support. Please stay safe and well and we wish all families well, particularly those observing the beginning of Ramadan this week.

## Senior Management Team

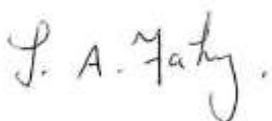
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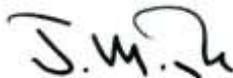
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