



HSP/RMT: Headmaster's letter
2nd February 2021

**HEADMASTER'S LETTER TO
PARENT(S)/ GUARDIAN(S) No.6**

Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s)

We are very pleased by the high level of attendance and engagement by pupils in all Year Groups for the remote lessons. We know from Government announcements we have to maintain this for some time yet. Please keep encouraging your son(s)/daughter(s) to join lessons on time and to maintain their progress through remote learning. At the same time it is important you establish regular breaks away from the screens and encourage some form of physical exercise. This period of lockdown is a challenge for all of us.

If your child is ill and unable to join lessons could you please ring the school using the absence line or send an email.

May I draw your attention to some other matters.

1. GCSE AND 'A' LEVEL/ BTEC EXAMINATIONS

Following the Secretary of State's announcement to cancel the GCSE and GCE exams a two-week consultation is taking place on the process to replace the exams.

It is unlikely that schools will be told about these changes for at least a month.

Please be assured that once we are made aware of the process we will provide staff with the necessary training so that we can support pupils with their centre assessments. Pupils should continue with lessons, completing homework and revising.

After half term we will have a subject evening for Year 11 and 13 so that we can review your son's / daughter's progress during the lock down period. .



2. PARENT-TEACHER SUBJECT EVENINGS

We have previously communicated these were being postponed. The revised dates after February half term are:

Year 9 – subject evening postponed until 13/05/2021

Year 11 – subject evening postponed until 04/03/2021

Year 12 - subject evening postponed until 22/04/2021

Year 13 – subject evening postponed by a week until 11/03/2021

These meetings will be conducted remotely, parents will be sent an email to sign up to online appointments after February half term.

3. HOME WORK

We are supporting pupils with their work to ensure they do not fall behind. Letters will be sent out weekly if homework has not been completed by the due date. Can I ask parents to review their son's / daughter's MS Team assignments and if they are unable to complete tasks that you contact their subject teacher.


4. WELL-BEING DAY: TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

We are planning a day whereby pupils can engage in activities away from screens to give pupils and staff a break. All pupils will be sent further details next week.

You will be aware from the Prime Minister's announcement that schools may reopen on Monday 8th March 2021. We await more information from the DFE and we will notify parents shortly after half term. The school will be closed for all pupils during half term (15th – 19th February 2021).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

H.S. 

HEADMASTER