



3 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to a new half term. Over the coming weeks we will continue to focus on developing our online provision, which will still be the main way that we deliver the curriculum to our young people.

We appreciate that many parents want live-streaming lessons for their children because of the belief that it will improve engagement, participation, and enable teachers to address pupils' concerns. The advice from Croydon and the Government is that we need to proceed cautiously with this method of online teaching as there are many concerns about safeguarding for pupils and teachers, as well as concerns about the numbers of pupils that have the IT facilities to access this method of teaching.

We are continuing to introduce Office Teams to staff with the intention of using this software with pupils as soon as it is practical and provident. In the meantime, we will continue to use Show My Homework and vary the styles of lessons by using video and audio commentaries, YouTube and podcasts.

Below, I have summarised the areas we will be focusing on in each year group:

**Years 7 and 8:** On Monday we began a three-week End of Year Assessment timetable; pupils will be completing a combination of formal assessments (at most, one a day) and classwork during that period. End of Year assessments will be posted as 'Homework' on 'Show My Homework' so that pupils can submit their work online.

**Year 9:** Pupils are being introduced to their first GCSE units. During the next two weeks, we will be collating the results from End of Year Assessments and a Results Report will be issued as soon as we are able to produce them.


**Year 10:** Pupils will continue with their GCSE online curriculum but we are also making plans for some 'face to face' contact with Year 10 that will start, provisionally, on 15<sup>th</sup> June with limited numbers of pupils taking part in English, Maths, Science and PSD lessons.

**Year 11:** Pupils will continue to take part in the 'Taking the Next step' curriculum and teachers will put resources into the folders, arrange activities, and review work. Pupils should engage with subjects they wish to study in the next academic year.

**Year 12:** Students will continue with their online curriculum, and we are planning for some face to face contact with Year 12 across a range of subjects. The provisional start date for this contact is 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Obviously, some very important decisions about the next academic year will be made over the coming weeks, and we will keep you informed. However, as a school, our number one priority is to continue improving the quality of our online curriculum and assessment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "NR Hart". The letters are cursive and fluid, with the first name "Neil" and last name "Hart" clearly distinguishable.

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