

Headteacher: Miss Caitlin Macrae

18th May 2020

Dear parents, carers and students

Re – **Weekly Update 7**

I hope that you and your families remain safe and well.

In light of the government's recent announcements on the wider reopening of schools, please do take a look at the letter I sent you on Friday. A copy of the letter can be found on our website at <https://www.highfield.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Letters+Home&pid=77> .

Our students have done some fantastic work over the months and weeks of the school closure. We are really proud of them. If you would like to follow the school on Facebook and Twitter you will see just some of the work that has been produced

<https://www.facebook.com/thehighfieldschool/>

<https://twitter.com/highfieldschool>

Next week is the half term holiday, so teachers will not be setting any work for students during this time. Students are encouraged to take the time to rest, relax and spend time with the family. For students who would like to be involved, Ms Bochnak-Sales will also be setting an optional wellbeing task, The Gratitude Project, through Show My Homework, which the whole family can be involved in.

Wellbeing

This week's wellbeing guide for students comes once again from Charlie Stearn, one of the school's sixth form Head Student Leaders on our Student Leadership Team. It will be sent out by tutors via school email this week to students in all year groups. Thank you to Charlie and to the rest of the team for their excellent work.

For parents and carers, we have recently been made aware of wellbeing support provided by Create Community. This support consists of free one hour remote wellbeing sessions through Zoom. Further details can be found on their website:

<https://www.createnetwork.community/online-provision>

Year 9

Year 9 students, from 1st of June, will see a change to the school work they are set by their teachers. Year 9 students will continue to receive work for English, maths and science through Show My Homework from their teachers and will still be expected to submit their work for these subjects as requested, until the end of the summer term.

However, students will not receive work for their other Year 9 timetabled subjects from 1st June. Instead, Year 9 students will receive their Year 9 into Year 10 Bridging Projects, which will be published on the school website from 1st June. Students will be expected to complete the bridging projects for each of the subjects they have chosen as Options subjects for Year 10, feeding back to their tutor once each week with their progress on these tasks. Students will be expected to hand in their completed bridging project in September.

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For those Year 9 students who do not have access to the internet and a laptop/computer, work will continue to be posted home every 2 weeks. This will include the relevant bridging projects.

Miss Waseem will write to you in due course, with further details.

Department for Education Coronavirus Helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Parents, carers and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours:

8am to 6pm – Monday to Friday

10am to 4pm – Saturday and Sunday

As always, if you would like to get in touch, please contact admin@highfield.herts.sch.uk and we will do our best to help.

Wishing you all the best of health.

Kind regards

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