

Headteacher: Miss Caitlin Macrae

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Re – Year 13 update and celebrations

I hope you are all safe and well in these uncertain times. I am very conscious that, due to the Coronavirus Covid 19 situation and the early closure of the school, we have not been able to properly say our goodbyes or celebrate the time our Year 13 students have spent at The Highfield School. The last day of term, the final assembly and the Year 13 May Ball are just some of the moments that make important memories for our young people and give staff and students the opportunity to come together to celebrate. The current situation has, sadly, made those events both impossible and unsafe at this time. With this in mind, I wanted to write to reassure you that once the school fully reopens, I will be setting a date for those celebrations, wherever it is possible. I really look forward to seeing our Year 13 students at that time, to properly mark the end of their time at Highfield.

In the meantime, I would encourage students to continue to do the following please:

- Check the school email account DAILY to receive important valuable information about subjects and support with wellbeing from tutors and subject staff
- email subject staff with any questions about subject work
- complete all Show My Homework studies and coursework by the appropriate timelines
- to work on subject ISPs over Easter; no other work will be set by subject staff during the holidays.

Ofqual have informed schools that they will have information about how predicted grades will be calculated by Easter. Naturally we will inform you of the latest information when the school has more information.

For those applying for university, please be aware that the deadline has been moved back a couple of weeks to make first and insurance choices. Please continue to use the university virtual tours and course information to help make choices. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

For those applying for apprenticeships, I have sent today the latest update from the ASK apprenticeships agency which has useful advice and links in these difficult times. Please keep checking your u.k.gov/apprenticeships link for alerts.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions

Take care and keep safe.

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