

Headteacher: Miss Caitlin Macrae
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Dear parents, carers and students

Re – Weekly Update 10

I hope that you and your families remain safe and well. Along with those students who are currently in regular attendance in school, (children of critical workers and students with specific needs), we are really looking forward to seeing many Year 10 and Year 12 students back in school this week for their Wellbeing and Engagement review meeting with their tutor or Head of Year.

We continue to refine our plans for Year 10 and 12 for the rest of this term and will continue to update you on those plans in due course. Unfortunately, there is still no further guidance from the government on Year 7, 8, 9, 11 or 13 in school provision, other than these year groups are not expected to be in school prior to the summer holiday, but I will update you as soon as I know any more.

Wellbeing

We continue to look at ways that we can support students in all year groups who are feeling anxious or worried during this period when school has been closed to most students. The Pastoral Team are still here to support students. If a student would like someone to contact them for an initial chat, they can contact one of the following:

- Tell a member of staff during the Wellbeing and Engagement Review (Year 10/12) and they will pass the message on
- Email: worried@highfield.herts.sch.uk
- Text or leave a voice message on the Pastoral Team's mobile number: 07809736011

Please remember to leave your full name and year group and someone will contact you to either arrange an appointment time and a safe place in school to meet or to talk to you over the phone.

The Sixth Form Student Leadership Team continues to provide students in all year groups with their weekly wellbeing guide this half term. This week's guide comes from Amelia Burdett. It will be sent out by tutors via school email this week to students in all year groups. Thank you again to Amelia for this supportive and useful guide.

Teaching and Learning

Thank you for your responses to our teaching and learning survey this week. Miss Waseem is looking at your responses, to ensure that your feedback is taken into account in our planning of teaching and learning going forward.

Our plans of becoming a Google Classroom school are well under way. Further trials of Google Meet 'live' lessons will be happening this week for Year 10 and 12 students, to



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complement the remote learning work that is set on Show My Homework. Further details will follow in due course.

If you have any issues or concerns about teaching and learning, please contact Miss Waseem, Assistant Headteacher, on admin@highfield.herts.sch.uk

As always, if you would like to get in touch about anything, 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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