

Headteacher: Miss Caitlin Macrae

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Dear parents, carers and students

Re – **Weekly Update 9**

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

Wellbeing

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 Holly Brothers. It will be sent out by tutors via school email this week to students in all year groups. Thank you again to Holly for this supportive and useful guide.

Teaching and Learning

The recent announcements by the government tell us that it is likely that a significant number of students will continue to learn at home until at least September. We are therefore very aware that we need to continue to review, support and develop remote teaching and learning to support students in effective learning at home.

With this in mind, we are currently in the process of becoming a Google Classroom school. In preparation for this, we are trialling live online audio lessons for some Year 10 and Year 12 classes on Google Meet. These lessons can also be recorded, so can be available after the session for students who may not be able to attend at specific times on line. These sessions will therefore complement the remote learning work which is set on SMHW and will give students an opportunity to engage and ask questions about their learning more dynamically with their teachers. It is a development that we know will be welcomed by students at home. Further information about online learning and Google Classroom will follow in due course. In the meantime, we would appreciate your views and the views of your child on our current provision of remote teaching and learning. Please could you complete the survey, with your child, by clicking on this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RemoteLearningSurveyJun20>

The survey will close at 11am on Thursday 11th June.

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

Free School Meals

This week, we will be sending out the next set of vouchers for families of students eligible for Free School Meals, which will cover a four week period, from 15th June to 10th July. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you have not received your voucher by Wednesday 17th June, please contact us on admin@highfield.herts.sch.uk to let us know.

If you are struggling financially, but your child is not currently in receipt of free school meals, please be aware that free school meals are available for students of parents or carers that receive certain benefits. Please use this link to see if you are eligible: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

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.



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Wishing you all the best of health.

Kind regards

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