

Headteacher: Miss Caitlin Macrae  
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Dear parents, carers and students

## Re – Weekly Update 5

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

For those students with internet access and access to a laptop/computer at home, teaching staff will be contacting parents and carers if they have not received any work from your child over the past few weeks. Please let me reassure you that this is a purely supportive measure, to offer support and guidance if it is needed. We understand that our students and families will be doing their best in these challenging circumstances.

For those students without internet access or access to a laptop/computer at home, please do get in touch with us at [admin@highfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@highfield.herts.sch.uk) if you or your child would benefit from a call from us to support any issues with the learning packs that they receive through the post.

### Wellbeing

This week's wellbeing guide for students comes from Charlie Stearn, one of the school's Head Student Leaders. It will be sent out by tutors via school email this week to students in all year groups. Thank you to Charlie.

### Internal Assessment and Reporting

Please be aware that we have made the decision to cancel the internal end of year exams for all year groups this term. We are also not currently planning to issue progress reports this term. This decision has been made in light of the difficulty for teachers to provide meaningful progress data while students and teachers are working under these exceptional circumstances.

These reports were due to be issued as follows:

- Year 7: Progress report due week commencing 22nd June
- Year 8: Progress report due week commencing 22nd June
- Year 9: Progress report due week commencing 29th July
- Year 10: Progress report due week commencing 13th July
- Year 12: Progress report due week commencing 6th July

We will update you further if this decision changes in light of any announcements from the government about schools reopening.

### Bereavement

In previous weekly updates, I have shared the details of Cruse and Grief Encounter. This week, we have heard from Stand By Me, who are keen to support bereaved children and families:

'If your family is bereaved during this difficult time, it can be particularly hard to support the children and young people you care for. You may be struggling with your own grief as well as dealing with the effects of being isolated from other family and friends. You may also be worried that you don't have the answers to the kinds of questions your child is asking.



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Stand-by-me Children's Bereavement support is able to offer help and advice through our helpline (07469 255163) or via our website ([www.stand-by-me.org.uk](http://www.stand-by-me.org.uk)), or find us on Facebook [@standbymeberavementsupport](https://www.facebook.com/standbymeberavementsupport)

If your family suffers a bereavement during the school closure, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, either through your child's tutor or our Pastoral Team [pastoral@highfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:pastoral@highfield.herts.sch.uk) so we can offer our support.

As always, if you would like to get in touch, please contact [admin@highfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto: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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