

HBK Update, Friday 7 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Survey for parents about reading – message from Miss Waters, HBK Literacy Coordinator

At Hinchingbrooke School we would like to become a 'Reading School'. As such, we would like to do as much as we possibly can to support your child's reading both in school and at home.

We are trying to ensure that students are **reading every day** and reading quality material which will stretch and challenge them. Why? All the research shows that students who read regularly have better life chances. They will get better exam results, they will get better jobs, have better mental health, better emotional literacy, and better relationships with their loved ones!

We would appreciate your feedback on your views on your child's reading habits and if there is anything else we could do as a school to support your child's reading. Then we can plan to build on this and ensure our students are as successful as they can be, and that literacy is not a barrier to learning. If you have some time to complete the survey, it is here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vDuWFAXs0yVOcrxk6wMlpJX6jhtlx9IsL4UcMRo07NUQJVUWIIPSFfKRVU5NFFNRINZQU9aSUxUSy4u>

Year 10-13 Teacher Assessed Grades – update from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

This week's update summarises how the assessments are going, what we have done so far, and the all-important outline of the 'Body of Evidence' to be used for each course. Also included is how to apply for mitigating circumstances to be applied to one or more assessments used in the subject Body of Evidence. The link to the video is below:

<https://youtu.be/YocxEqbtjww>

Also attached is the Excel spreadsheet which gives the Body of Evidence for each course. Please be aware that what is listed is the Body of Evidence for **the majority of** the cohort. There will be some exceptions and substitutions of work for individuals based on their particular circumstances. The students for whom this is the case will be told the differences by their class teacher over the next week.

If, after watching the update, you feel your child has mitigating circumstances in relation to one or more assessments described in the Body of Evidence, and you would like the Panel in school to consider this, please complete the form at the following link by **Friday 14th May at 5pm**.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vDuWFAXs0yVOcrxk6wMlpJX6jhtlx9IsL4UcMRo07NUQJVUWIIPSFfKRVU5NFFNRINZQU9aSUxUSy4u>

Well done to our students!

Despite having to wear face coverings for almost the whole day, follow a one-way system in school, remain in their year group 'Bubble' all day, stay in their seats and face forwards in lessons as far as possible each lesson, remember to bring hand sanitiser and so on, our students show a remarkable ability to just get on with it! I would like you to thank them on the school's behalf. We all look forward to the day when we can safely get back to 'normal' but in the meantime, sincerely well done to your child(ren)!

My blog

This week's blog gives you my view of the often-thorny issue of 'differentiation' in teaching! If you would like to, you can read the blog here.

<https://learningisthething.com/?p=146>

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,

Mark Patterson
Principal