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HBK Update, Friday 5 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well.

Wider reopening – survey of parents of Year 10 students

Thank you very much to those parents that have already completed the survey, to tell us whether your child will be returning to school one day per week from the week beginning 22 June. If you haven't had a chance yet to complete the survey, here is the

link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vDuWFAXs0yVOcrxk6wMlhay_x-4GdhBILpwTj-tuhJUMjEwSTRRUzdUQk5GUKhBR01BMk5IN1FPTy4u

The survey closes next Monday 8 June at noon, after which we will be able to create the student teaching groups ('bubbles').

Wider reopening – survey of Year 12 students

We are also surveying Year 12 students and we would be grateful if parents could check that their children have completed it. The deadline for completion is Monday 8 June at 5pm. Here is the link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vDuWFAXs0yVOcrxk6wMlhay_x-4GdhBILpwTj-tuhJUODIMNzNPRFdPSDRZS0sySU1BR0pMQ1IyVS4u

Do you need to update the school with your contact details or with important information about your child?

If your parent/carer contact details have changed recently – change of address, names of key contacts, telephone and mobile numbers etc – please tell us so that we can update our records. We would also be grateful if you could tell us about any new medical conditions and welfare issues your child may have. To update the school, please contact your child's Head of Year and/or Student Support Officer.

Permission for your child to participate in 'live' remote sessions

Teachers and form tutors are now using Zoom/Microsoft Teams to deliver an increasing number of lessons and pastoral sessions to students, and there are safeguarding measures in place to ensure these are delivered safely. To save parents/carers from having to consent to the start and finish of every Zoom/Teams session, we are asking you to let us know only if you are **not** happy for your son/daughter to participate in the Zoom/Teams lessons and sessions. If you are happy for your child to participate, you do not need to take any action. If you are NOT happy for your child to participate, please contact your child's Head of Year and/or Student Support Officer.

Wider reopening – some additional information

Students who fall into the key worker and 'vulnerable' groups will continue to be provided for each day, when Year 10 or Year 12 students return to school and our plan is that they will not come in to contact with the Year 10 and 12 students, in order to maintain separate 'bubbles'. To support this, we are asking all

keyworker/vulnerable children to enter and exit school through the bus bays gate **from Monday 15 June** and to go straight to the Food Court in the morning.

As Year 10 will be in uniform when they return to school, we are asking that **from Monday 22 June** the key worker and vulnerable students also wear their uniform in school. Wearing the uniform will help Year 10 students to return to school as a learning environment and we think it would be unfair if other HBK students on site were not wearing uniform, too.

Students will **not** have to wear their blazer due to the weather being warmer (although they may do so if they wish). However, if they choose not to wear their blazer, they should not wear any other form of jacket, hoody or sweatshirt over the top of their shirt and tie. In accordance with Public Health England advice, clean uniform should be worn each day a student is in school. We do not want uniform to be a barrier to students being in school so if this is going to be an issue, for example if a student has outgrown their uniform and you have not yet replaced it, or if the logistics of having clean uniform each day is going to be problematic, please contact your child's Head of Year and/or Student Support Officer by 15th June to discuss.

Health and wellbeing resources for students

In support of the health and wellbeing of our students, particularly those who won't be in school before September, we are posting activities onto Doodle in the PSHCE section. The fortnightly activities aim to support your child in the current situation, and your child may wish to involve you and others in your household in them. Topics that will be covered are emotional wellbeing strategies, skills for independent remote learning, current affairs, physical health and personal safety. It is intended that the activities only take one hour, but of course you may choose to spend longer on them.

FAQ 3 I have seen the school's plans to open for students in Years 10 and 12. Why aren't you opening for students in other year groups, too?

We are following the Government's guidance on wider reopening and the Government has specified that schools should offer 'some face to face support' for Year 10 and Year 12 students only, from 15 June. This is a cautious approach to wider reopening that is prioritising, for now, those students who are closest to taking their national examinations. To open for students in other year groups at this time would be to go against Government advice.

Thank you

Thank you to our students for the work you are doing in these challenging times, and for what you are doing to keep yourself safe; and thank you, too, to all parents and carers.

We are Hinchingsbrooke.

Best wishes

Mark Patterson
Principal