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HBK Update, Thursday 14 May

Dear Parents and Carers

School lockdown update

The Government announcements on Sunday the 10th of May and more detailed guidance sent to schools on the 11th made clear that school closure for the vast majority of students continues for now, but that schools should, from the week beginning 1 June, begin to 'offer some face to face support' to Year 10 and Year 12 students, as students in these year groups are closest to the national examinations in summer 2021.

For most students, this means continuing to work from home until September. We are currently reviewing how we set work for all our students, and how assessments might be done and feedback given to students going forward, and we will let you know, as soon as possible, about any changes we plan to make in these and any other areas.

For Year 10 and Year 12 students, in common with many schools and all of the teaching unions, we have been seeking clarification from the Government about what offering 'some face to face support' might look like. One of the teaching unions that represents school leaders, ASCL, has talked about schools providing a number of days specifically for students in Year 10 and Year 12, during which subject teachers could meet with them in school, probably in very small groups, to talk about their learning, help with any learning issues they have and give them advice and so on. This is just one possible way forward, of course; there are a number of options and we have not decided yet how best to support our students whilst keeping everyone, students and staff, safe. We will write to you again about this, as soon as we have finalised our plans.

Reminder to students to use their school email addresses

Just a reminder to your child that a key way for them to keep in touch with their teachers and other school staff is to use their school email account. Details of how to use the school email address have been posted on Doodle by Mr Pendlebury under PSHCE. If your child has any IT issues, including passwords and accessing their school emails, please contact Mr Cooper at RC@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk.

Thank you very much to parents for all you are doing to support your child during these challenging times.

Keep safe.

Best wishes

Mark Patterson
Principal