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HBK Update, Friday 10 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Summer holiday closure

The last day of the summer term is Wednesday 22 July. In line with the Government's guidelines, the school will be fully closed over the summer holiday period. We will reopen for all students during the week beginning Monday 7 September – some more details about our plans for September are below.

Summer holiday work for students

At the end of this term, we plan to set students some work to do over the summer holidays. This is because of the special circumstances in which we find ourselves. Our aim will be to set a reasonable amount of work that keeps students engaged with school-work but not so much work that it is unfairly burdensome – it is the holidays, after all!

September reopening plans

We have established a small team of senior staff who are designing the detail of our September reopening plans, based on the guidance recently sent to all schools by the Government. The aim is to share the plans with parents by the end of this term. All students will return to school full-time in September (providing there is no lockdown or local lockdown, or other instruction from the Government that prevents that from happening); we are likely to have a staggered start to term during the week beginning 7 September, to enable staff to concentrate on re-engaging all students (this is especially important for students in those year groups that have had no school since March) and explaining the new routines that everyone will have to follow in the interests of safety. Much more detail to come on all of this by the end of term. We are really looking forward to having all of our great students back in school, where they belong.

Amazing students – Part 2!

Attached is the second list of students provided by teachers recently, in response to my call to them to tell me about students who have gone 'above and beyond' over the lockdown period. The overall number of students named by staff is so large that there will be at least one more list to come before the end of term. What a great student body we have at HBK! Please do not worry if your child's name is not on the list – they may be on the next one, and even if they are not, please thank them for the great work they have done.

Thank you

Thank you to our Year 10s and 12s who have been coming into school so positively and following the new rules designed to keep everyone safe – there has been barely a single issue and that is down to the hugely responsible behaviour of our students.

Thank you, too, to those students who continue to work diligently at home during these trying times, and to their parents for encouraging them day after day.

Thank you, finally, to those parents who have sent HBK staff messages of support or thanks during these challenging times; staff really appreciate your messages, they make our day!

We are Hinchbrooke.

Best wishes

Mark Patterson, Principal