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HBK Update, Wednesday 22 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you would prefer to watch a video version of this message, you can view it here: <https://youtu.be/uXibZ0jcxqg>

The end of an extraordinary year!

What an extraordinary year it has been! I have been in teaching since 1990 and I have never known a school year like this one. We all very much hope that next year will be far more like business-as-usual!

September Reopening Guidelines

Kate Tandy, one of the school Vice-Principals, sent out yesterday the September Reopening Guidelines booklet, with an accompanying letter and hopefully you will be able to read both over the summer and discuss them with your child(ren). We have planned a staggered start to next school year so that we can give students in their year group 'bubbles' a good-quality induction at the start of September. Please check carefully which year groups should attend when over the course of the three days from 7 to 9 September – details of this are in both the letter and the Guidelines booklet. The plan is that all students will be in school full-time from 10 September. Our September reopening plans are also detailed on the school website: <https://www.hinchingbrookeschool.net/>

Once the Government has issued its updated guidance to schools in August, we will email you again to update you.

Year 11 and Year 13 examination results

All Year 11 and Year 13 students should have received an email to their school email account this week, as the first stage of the checking process for the electronic results days (KS5 – 13 August and KS4 – 20 August). Parents should also have received a ParentMail **this week**, outlining what their child needs to do. It is vital that students check their school email account and respond as requested, as not doing so may mean that we have to send results to that student by post (which takes longer) rather than by email on the day. All details of Sixth Form places and next steps will also be emailed on the day and an overview will be sent out via ParentMail nearer the time. There will be services in school on both results days to support our students and provide any information they need. Again details of this will be in the email they receive on the day.

Thank you

I would like to pay tribute to all Hinchingsbrooke students for their work this year and especially during Lockdown. Lockdown has challenged us all in different ways and how challenging it must have been, in particular, for our students. The discipline involved in maintaining routines during Lockdown, including doing school-work over a very long time out of school without the direction of teachers, cannot be underestimated. Well done to all of our students for your resilience and for the work you have done. We are really looking forward to welcoming students into school in September and, hopefully, getting back to an experience that is as close to 'normal' as we can make it.

Thank you, too, to all parents for your support for your children whilst many of you have also carried on working. Thank you, too, for the many messages of support that staff have received over lockdown – I cannot tell you how much staff appreciate your support.

Very best wishes to you all for a safe and restful summer.

Best wishes

Mark Patterson
Principal