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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are safe, well and the good weather continues. We continue to remain open to vulnerable students and children of critical workers.

Training Day June 1st

Please be aware that we are continuing with our planned training day on June 1st remotely and that our Key Worker provision will therefore be shut and no remote learning will be set that day.

½ term

Please be aware that next week is ½ term and no remote learning will be set in the planned holidays.

Year 10 and 12 face to face contact

You have probably seen the debate in the media over schools re-opening and we are looking to see how we can meet the guidance given from the Government that all Year 10 and 12 students should receive face to face contact to supplement their remote learning.

I know many parents of students in Years 10 and 12 have emailed, asked us questions and replied to our survey. Currently we cannot reply to every email individually but are composing a number of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) as there is a similar theme.

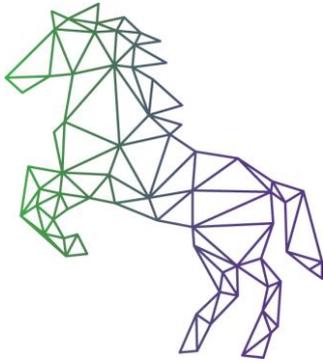
Please bear with us, we hope to have this available next week and have been promised further guidance from the Government.

Wellbeing

As part of our on-going commitment to wellbeing, we wanted to share a useful presentation which gives students strategies in adapting to working remotely. Below are two links, one is the presentation and the other is a schedule planner students can use to organise their time which is a useful technique to avoid working too much or too little during this time. We hope this helps.

Well-being Presentation

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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1RW0nCc6PCT-i0bbzuV0Ffd3U-FFAS3m-/view?usp=sharing>

Well-being Timetable

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w57_zNO9UEq3lqzJEj1meosCFhm6JLOV/view?usp=sharing

Numeracy resources

Hegarty maths have launched a free package called Numerise - Secondary ready, for students in Year 6 moving up to secondary in September. It is aimed to support students, but also parents and carers with home learning.

Individuals can sign up [here](#)

Social distancing

I would like to appeal to you to please remind your sons and daughters that if they are outside in the community to observe and respect the 2m distancing guidance. As the weather improves, as we tire of lockdown and as some measures relax it can be difficult to remember so your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

I would like to continue to thank you for your messages of support and feedback. These are challenging times for everyone currently and the positive and reasonable approach we get from you and our community is valued so thank you.

As the half-term draws to a close, we have an opportunity to pause and reflect on the tremendous achievements of children and staff over the last five weeks. An entire half-term away from school is something we never could have anticipated and the children and staff have demonstrated enormous resilience and flexibility to adapt to learning from home. I would like to thank my staff, your lovely children but of course yourselves for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Paul Bell

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