

23rd April, 2020.

Dear Year 12 student and parent/carer,

We hope you and your families are all well and have had a pleasant Easter in these difficult circumstances.

I am writing to you regarding expectations and guidelines for your home schooling while the school remains closed.

Your teachers will be setting lessons via Show My Homework. They will also be available for questions/discussions via Google Classroom. The work set will include pdfs of Powerpoints, reading materials and specific tasks for you to complete.

All students are expected to check Show My Homework every day, be available for tutor time at 11 a.m. in Google Classroom and submit work as requested by the subject teacher. Completed work will need to be submitted as requested by your teacher or you may be given a mark scheme to self-assess. All Year 12 students are expected to spend nine hours a fortnight on the actual lessons set. In addition to this, you are expected to spend eight hours per subject each fortnight on homework/wider reading and revision. It is vital for your own progress that you complete all tasks set in a timely manner and to the best of your ability.

We still plan to hold end of year examinations in all subjects in either July or September, depending on when the school reopens. The grades from these examinations will inform the predicted grades which will be given to UCAS when applying to your university courses. In terms of EPQ projects, we are still awaiting confirmation from the exam board as to whether these will be submitted this academic year or next. We hope to be able to provide confirmation soon.

In May, we will begin the UCAS process. You will receive a booklet from me explaining how to create an account with UCAS. You will also receive instructions on how to complete a personal statement using Unifrog. Currently, you can use Unifrog to access MOOCs, searching and shortlisting universities and courses/ apprenticeships.

We recognise that working at home may prove to be a challenge for you and want to reassure you that staff will be working remotely and will be on hand to offer support where it is needed. We have high expectations, but are also realistic about the challenges this situation will present.

Please be mindful, that online learning is a significant change for everyone but the high expectations that we have for you remain the same. If you experience any difficulty completing tasks set or would like any support during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to email me or message your tutor via Google Classroom.

It has been a pleasure to work with you this academic year and look forward to continuing your learning journey when we return.

Kind regards,

Lindsay Pinnick Director of Sixth Form

Highgate Wood School Student Council supports individual action to address the issues of Climate Change and promotes the United Nations top 10 recommendations.



5-minute showers



Drive less



Lights off



Local produce



Recycle



Meat-free meals



Zero-waste fashion



Unplug



Refill and reuse



Bring your own bag