

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

Dear year 10 students and parents,

I hope you and your families are well at this difficult time and that you had a good Easter break.

I am writing to inform students and parents of some of the possible scenarios over the next several months and our expectations on students and support for them during this time.

Of course, you are aware of the checking and completing of work set on Show My Homework and uploading work and joining classes on Google Classrooms. I hope that the work being set is manageable and is enough to keep you up to date with the curriculum.

It is important to remember that in the GCSEs next year we will be sitting exams, we assume, as normal. It is important that we keep up to date with our learning as well as possible so that we do not fall behind. For the majority of us who are fit and well we would expect about the same number of hours per week of class work to be completed. In addition, what would normally be considered homework (memorisation of revision cards, recap questions etc) will still need completing. The work should amount to 25 hours of lessons and 1.5 hours per subject for extra study, totalling just under 40 hours per week.

We intend to have end of year exams in some form. Ideally, we will return before the end of the year and have some exams then or these could take place at the start of year 11 in September. This will depend on when schools are reopened. We understand that students will not do as well in this situation as they would have done had school not been closed but that is true across the whole country and so is not something to be concerned about. It is important not to wait for the year 11 mocks before the next formal assessment.

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.

I look forward to working with you closely when we return to ensure the very best outcomes in year 11.

Yours faithfully,  
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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



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