

18<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family are coping with the challenges of this difficult time.

As you will be aware, the summer term begins on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. I am using this opportunity to point you to some of the resources that I hope will make that “return to virtual schooling” as straight forward as possible.

Just before Easter, we published online a parent guide for remote learning during the summer term. This outlines our expectations for different year groups. In essence we have suggested that around 3 hours of academic school work each day is appropriate for Years 7, 8 and 9 whilst a fuller timetable is recommended for Years 10 and 12. The details are available here: <https://bit.ly/hwsonline20>

The majority of tasks will continue to be set on Show My Homework but we have also deployed G-Suite for Education, that includes Google Classrooms, so it is possible for students to interact with their peers and their teachers through the G-Classroom text “streams.” Wherever possible tutors will be available online for their tutor groups daily at the usual registration time of 11:00am. Teachers will also be available online for the various different subjects at least once a week.

The vast majority of students have already successfully logged into G-Suite and have been able to use the classroom codes issued on Show My Homework to join their classrooms. If there are any issues with this, however, please contact me at [data@hws.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:data@hws.haringey.sch.uk)

We have also built up a collection of additional online resources. These are listed under the headings of Core Tools, Mental Health & Well Being links, Learning Resources, Broadening Horizons and Exam Information and are at [www.myhwsonline.co.uk](http://www.myhwsonline.co.uk). We hope that students, and parents, find them useful.

With students spending more time online we do need to be mindful of the potential risks and dangers. We have included e-safety links on most of our resource pages but have also set up a separate notification system at <https://bit.ly/classroomalert>. Please use this should you have concerns regarding online safety that you feel the school should be aware of.

With thanks for your continued support.

Take care and stay safe.

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.

