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Dear Parent/Carer

As we embark on our first full College day of home learning I am emailing to update you where I am able.

Key Workers School Places

We will have contacted you already if you are eligible for this and provided details of the booking system. Please check your junk folder if this has not arrived and let us know if you have not yet been able to access. However, I would ask that you are very mindful of the government advice that this is only used where children cannot be adequately catered for at home. It is important for everyone's safety at this time that people are at home wherever they possibly can be and that we minimise the numbers of students in College that are congregating together. I must stress this is not a normal College day and the access to facilities is significantly restricted. If it is possible for your child to be cared for at home, please arrange for this instead.

Update on replacement plans for Examinations

We have posted information on our website as it has been released:

<http://www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/exams-update.pdf>.

We will continue to add to this as we are able.

As we mentioned last week the plan is that a predicted grade is submitted by teachers to the exam boards, this will then be correlated with the students starting point and the prior exam results of the school to determine a final grade. Therefore, for some students the predicted grade is not necessarily the grade they will receive. We have yet to receive more details about how this will work, or when it will take place. However, we are working with staff to collect a predicted grade at the moment for Year 10,11 and 13. We will aim to update this as we receive work from students and responses to tasks that are currently being set. We know many students peak towards the date of the exam and so are very keen that students continue to work hard and that we are able to take account of their most recent standard of work when we are asked for the information. Ms White and Mr Evason may contact Year 13 directly as they will also have UCAS considerations to reflect upon.



Remote Working

We believe at the moment it is best that students are kept in as much of their normal routine as possible. Therefore, teachers will continue to set work and ask for completion to set timescales. They will continue to try to respond and send feedback as per our protocols as much as they are able. We are aware today that both Firefly and Hegarty Maths are experiencing difficulties. This is not a College issue; it is due to the significant use across their networks. There is a status update page for Firefly and we will update as and when we are able. Please do not worry about students being disadvantaged due to not being able to access the work, teachers will understand if it is handed in later than requested today.

There are plenty of other tasks students could be doing, including reading, exercising and listening to the tutor time music we sent out by email. If we have to we will revert to other methods of communication but we expect these issues to resolve themselves shortly. The main thing is to stay focused and busy, to keep the brain working and to stay connected.

Parents Evenings

We are aware that we have a Year 10 parents evening in the calendar which will clearly now not take place. However, we are working on methods of ensuring there is feedback for you on how your son/daughter is progressing in their subjects both up to this point and currently as we work towards the predicted grades for the Year 10 two year GCSE courses. This is aimed to be released just before Easter but we will update you when we are able to be more precise.

We will aim to keep you aware of issues as they arise, however please understand we are sometimes restricted in our responses due to the remote working patterns and a full College service. Much as we might wish it were possible, it is simply not 'normal service' for any of us at this time.

Thank you for your continued support, wishing you and your families good health in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



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