

Haydon School

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE LETTER

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Dear Parents

I hope that this letter finds you and your family in the best of health. As nearly all of us adjust to a new way of living, may I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your lovely supportive messages and to all the staff and students who are making the most of the opportunities open to them. I know many of our Year 11 and Year 13 students will still be in a state of shock about the cancellation of the summer examinations. Further Guidance will be coming out this week about how students will be graded and I will be sharing this with you in due course.

Learning from Home

At the end of the first week of learning from home, I am aware that the vast majority of students are logging into Show My Homework and are able to access the work that teachers are setting. It is a challenge for us all adapting to this new way of working and we would like to get feedback on the work that has been set to date. I encourage you to complete the Google survey.

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/o2HYiMS1cwE35q1t7>

If the survey could be completed by the end of Thursday 2 April, we will be able to analyse the findings on Friday 3 April and share them with the teaching staff in preparation for the new term.

Find attached a document for Parents entitled "How to Support Home Learning" with some helpful tips on supporting your child to learn.

Staff will **not** be setting work for the students over the Easter holidays from Monday 6 April to Friday 17 April inclusive (other than what is usually set). This will allow teachers, students and their families to recuperate from what has been a difficult and stressful period.

Resources from the Local Authority

The local authority has produced a set of additional resources that you can use to support your child learning from home. I have attached them to this letter. There are a number of very effective free websites.

Children on Free School Meals

Supermarket vouchers were sent out on Thursday 26 March and will be posted fortnightly during term time.

I hope that you all stay safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely

Robert Jones
Headteacher