



# Haydon School

## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE LETTER

RWJ/jmp/Headteacher's Update  
31 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

You might have seen the Secretary of State for Education make a further announcement on 30 December about the reopening of schools in January. All secondary schools have been asked to extend the previously announced staggered start to the spring term. The guidance I gave you in my letter of 22 December is now out of date.

### **New Arrangements**

#### **Monday 4th to Friday 8th January 2021**

**Monday 4th January** - INSET day for all staff (no students in school).

**Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th January** - Remote lessons for all students in all year groups.

Students will follow their normal timetable from home and staff will teach live lessons for students or set work through Show My Homework. Remote or online lessons will start on Tuesday 5th January 2020. Students in Year 11 will have one week of further revision ahead of their mock examinations starting on Monday 11th January.

External BTEC examinations for Year Years 10, 11 and the sixth form will go ahead as previously scheduled. The school will communicate the exam arrangements next week.

#### **Monday 11th to Friday 15th January**

School will only be open for **students in Years 11 and 13** during this week. Year 11 will have mock examinations. I have made the decision now to simply move all of the examinations back by one week. I will confirm all of this during the course of next week as we will need to rebook all of our invigilators. Year 13 mock examinations will all be pushed back by one week. We will reissue updated exam timetables to students via InTouch and a generic version of the mock exam timetable will be uploaded onto our website.

Students in all other year groups (Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12) will follow their normal timetable from home and staff will teach live lessons for students or set work through Show My Homework. This will mean two weeks of remote learning for students in these year groups.

### **Vulnerable Students and Children of Key Workers**

Students in other year groups who are vulnerable or the children of key workers will be allowed into school from Tuesday 5th January. If you would like your child to attend for the first week back please contact, Mrs Whitehead, Deputy Headteacher ( [cwhitehead.312@lgflmail.org](mailto:cwhitehead.312@lgflmail.org) ) explaining the reasons and the days you require your child to attend. We still have the list of students from the school closure earlier in the year and we would not expect any significant additions to this list apart from students in Year 7. If your child attended school in the last school closure period and you require them to attend again please contact Mrs Whitehead.

**ICT Issues**

If you foresee any problems with your child being able to access live lessons during this week, please could you let the school know by emailing Mr Gosling ( [dgosling.312@lqflmail.org](mailto:dgosling.312@lqflmail.org) )

**ShowMyHomework**

For queries or help with Show My Homework please email [smhw@haydonschool.org.uk](mailto:smhw@haydonschool.org.uk)

**Week Beginning 18th January 2021**

All students will return to school. This will be subject to review and I will communicate with you in due course following further advice from the government.

**Mass Testing**

I am still awaiting further guidance on this and I will write to you with an update in due course.

I apologise for the late notice of changes to arrangements and any problems that this might cause with respect to childcare.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Jones', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Robert Jones**  
**Headteacher**