



Haslingden High School and Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Carer

I appreciate this is a very difficult time for all of us, for a whole variety of reasons. Much of the focus on education in the media has been on Year 11 and Year 13 who will not sit their examinations this summer, but will receive 'centre assessed' grades. However, we recognise the challenges that lay ahead for Year 12 students given that they are likely to miss out on a full term of face to face contact time, out of a five term course. There has been no intimation as to whether there will be any adjustment to the exams students will take at the end of Year 13. We will of course keep you informed if any further information is released on this.

Whatever future career path students intend to follow, it is imperative that they remain focussed during this time and continue to engage fully with all the work set. I understand that this is a challenging time but where possible, students should be keeping on track with their studies. For those who are seeking a place at university in September 2021, this is an opportunity for students to further develop their independent learning skills - an integral part of life at these higher educational institutions.

We are acutely aware of the need to do all we can to support our Year 12 students and as such, there will be an 'assessment block' shortly after students return. This will allow us to accurately assess 'where students are' with regards to their learning and to ascertain their suitability, in each subject, to progress into Year 13. This is the same procedure which we would normally apply at the end of Year 12.

Following conversations with colleagues, it is clear that a small number of our Year 12 cohort have not fully engaged with the work that was set prior to the 'Easter break'. I know that you will share our concern in this matter and going forward, I would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring your child completes the work that is set by subject teachers and undertakes an appropriate amount of independent study beyond the 'Easter break'. However, if your child is genuinely struggling, for whatever reason, I would encourage you to get in touch with Mrs Hurst, Assistant Director of Sixth Form, (khurst@haslingdenhigh.com) or Miss Marsland, Director of Sixth Form, (lmarsland@haslingdenhigh.com).

Miss Marsland has written to all Year 12 students via their school email accounts. This is available on the school website for your reference.

Best wishes

Mark Jackson
Headteacher

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