



15 May 2020

Mrs J. Smith
Head of School

Dear Year 7-9 Parent/Guardian,

I hope that you and your families are keeping well and safe.

Government announcements

On Sunday the Prime Minister announced his plans for schools, namely that schools should be open for three year groups in the primary sector and in the secondary sector schools students in Years 10 and 12 should have some face to face contact to support their remote learning from 1 June.

As we plan for this we are conscious that this means that students in Years 7-9 will most likely not return to any form of on-site schooling until September at the earliest, unless they are vulnerable students or students whose parents are identified as key workers who we continue to make provision for every day. We are also clear that we must balance the tension between educational priorities and the safety of the members of the community; safety remains our number one priority and we shall only open to more students when we feel that it is safe to do so with appropriate measures in place. I have written separately today to parents of children in Years 10 and 12. The letter to them can be found [here](#) should you wish to read it.

Listening to our students

We realise that for some students maintaining motivation as the weeks pass becomes more challenging. Thank you for all you continue to do as parents to support and encourage them. We have made several small but hopefully significant changes to the way we are setting work for students in Years 7-10 as a result of the student wellbeing survey responses. Students helped us appreciate that we were perhaps setting them more work than they could manage in a typical hour of remote study. We have made the following changes which students will be informed about via the regular student briefing email on Monday:

- Next week (18-22 May) is designated as a catch-up, consolidation and enrichment week. New learning will not be expected and instead staff will make clear to students what they should ideally have completed so that they can feel they are on top of things ready for next half term. Tasks will also be set for those who have completed all work set so far to help students assess their understanding, check their knowledge (e.g. via online quizzes) or offer them optional extension activities. Please encourage your daughter to submit any completed assignments.
- From the beginning of next half term staff have been asked to adjust the amount of work expected in a typical 1 hour remote learning session. In those subjects particularly identified by students this will be reduced by up to half in recognition of student feedback.
- For Year 9 only from the beginning of half term students will only be expected to complete the work set for subjects they will study at GCSE: both core (e.g. English, Maths, Science, EP) and their option subjects (their MFL choice, Humanities choice and two further option subjects.) If your daughter is at all unsure about her option choices she should continue to do the work in any subjects she may take through to GCSE.

Staff and students have learnt a lot about working remotely since lockdown began. Thank you for appreciating that for all of us online teaching and learning is something we are adapting to and refining all the time.

Carre's is the base school for key workers' children next week. Please do contact enquiries@carres.uk to book a place for your child if necessary.

During the Half Term holiday supervision will be available from Tuesday 26 May to Friday 29 May from 09.00 to 15.30 via the Community Sport Team based at Carre's Grammar School. If you wish your child to have a place on this you must contact Megan.hardwick@carres.uk or Matthew.evans@carres.uk for more information. There will be no supervision at KSHS during the Half Term holiday.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Smith', with a small dot above the 'i'.

Mrs J Smith
Head of School