

19th May 2020

Dear Students and Families,

I hope you are well and managing to stay safe during this unprecedented time. Recent government announcements have brought a renewed focus on schools this past week and I am writing to let you know our current thinking here at RPHS.

All students

We are continuing to develop and provide resources and learning activities using Show My Homework. This may include the use of other online platforms such as Educake and Hegarty Maths, the Oak Academy or BBC Bitesize too.

Class teachers and Heads of Year have been hearing about the quality and quantity of work that many of you are producing and submitting to your teachers via email or on Show My Homework; please keep up the good work!

We are aware that some families have had difficulties in sharing completed work, especially that done by hand. We would like all students to submit their work (or a photograph of their work) via Show My Homework so that teachers can monitor their progress. We would recommend that students download the free App called Microsoft Office Lens. It is like having a scanner in your pocket. Students can get Office Lens for free today on their devices: [iOS](#) | [Android](#) | [Windows](#). This should help you to share the excellent work that you have produced with your teachers via Show My Homework.

If you are struggling with IT access, please do let us know as we are able to print and post student work packs in some circumstances. Our school remains open for children of key workers and our vulnerable students, and if you need to take advantage of this as your circumstances change, please do get in contact with us.

Year 11 and Year 13

The exam season was set to begin on Monday 11th May and it is a great pity that our students have not had the opportunity to prove themselves by sitting these exams. As per Mrs Heard's letters to Year 11 and Year 13 students, we are generating Centre Assessed Grades for every student in each subject using a robust methodology built on their learning throughout these courses and moderated with appropriate teacher input. We are following all the guidance from the exam boards and Ofqual, and these grades will be shared with students following standardisation by the exam boards on results days; Thursday 13th August for Year 13 and Thursday 20th August 2020 for Year 11. Whilst you no longer have exams to complete, Mrs McInerney is putting together a range of resources and activities to help you with your transition to post-16 study or preparation for university; expect more

information on this in the coming days.

Year 10 and 12

You will be aware that following government announcements that the plan is for teachers to have *“some face-to-face contact with young people in Year 10 and Year 12 to help them to prepare for their exams next year.”* The aim is for this to happen from the 1st June but no decision will be made until 28th May to confirm that this. If this does go ahead, this will be a phased return and we will share our plans with you once we receive confirmation from the government.

Once re-opening is confirmed, we will meet the aspiration of the government but we also we want to balance the needs of our students to keep learning, with the necessity for a safe environment to do so. Our Pastoral Team will be in touch with you to see how we can best ensure that we get this balance right for these year groups.

Years 7-9

At present, there is no plan or guidance from the government for secondary schools to open to students in these year groups. As a result, we will continue to provide home learning remotely via Show My Homework. As part of this home learning, we will be looking to provide work for Year 9 students to support their transition to GCSE not only in the core subjects (English, Maths and Science) but also in their allocated GCSE options over the coming weeks. In the meantime, we will continue with our timetable shown below;

Day	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Reading
Monday	English	Science	Art	30 Mins Reading
Tuesday	Geography	French / Spanish	Maths	30 Mins Reading
Wednesday	History	English	PE / Dance	30 Mins Reading
Thursday	Science	Music	Drama	30 Mins Reading
Friday	Maths	Product Design / Food and Nutrition	Computing / ICT	30 Mins Reading

The summer term is likely to be a very difficult period for all KS3 students; they have already been out of school for over six weeks and there is no return date in sight. As soon as we receive guidance about providing for these year groups, we will let you know our intentions.

Thank you for the ongoing support you have offered your children with the work we have been setting. It has also been wonderful to hear the positive messages that have been sent in to colleagues who are themselves adapting to this difficult situation.

The national context is constantly shifting and we are planning carefully and thoroughly to provide the best education in the safest environment to all of our students. Raynes Park High School will

respond to and support the expectations of our government and the wider community and do so by carefully considering our context and your views.

Best regards,

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