

15th May 2020

Dear parents/carers

I write to update you on the Prime Minister's announcement last Sunday. We are now considering early information from the DfE and other national bodies.

As announced, when the time is right, we have been asked to consider offering some face-to-face contact with Year 10 and Year 12 students, though we have not yet made any firm decisions on exact dates or detail. The 1st June date may shift depending on progress with the battle against Covid-19. We are also currently waiting for detailed guidance from the DfE.

We do know that students will not attend full time or follow a normal school timetable. They will receive face-to-face support to supplement online learning. Meeting students will also allow us to find out what they have been able to learn while on lockdown. It is likely that students will attend in very small groups at different times and adhere to normal social distancing rules. There is no information yet on plans for other year groups. For all students we will continue to develop our online learning.

We are all aware of the discussions in the media around the wisdom and practicalities of these plans. With this in mind, I want to reassure parents that the health, welfare and safety of our school community are at the heart of our thinking. I will keep you up to date and let you know as soon as we know more.

A special mention goes to Year 11 and Year 13 students who have missed out on normal end of term activities. It will come as no surprise that we have had to cancel arrangements for the Year 11 prom this summer. We are keen that this event is rearranged in the autumn or spring term. The majority of students will still be with us in the sixth form. We will also extend invitations to those who have moved on from UHS.

A few reminders:

Please take time to look at the developed [Covid-19 page](#) on the school website. Each week we are improving our online systems. The webpage will give you the most up-to-date information at all times.

Please ensure that your son/daughter is in attendance at their online tutor session on Microsoft Teams each week. If they are unable to attend, they must contact their tutor.

As well as online tutor time, there is a growing number of live lessons taking place on Microsoft Teams. The live lessons timetable is updated weekly and can be found [here](#). Students can view all their teams by clicking on the [MS Teams link](#). They need their normal school email and password.

Each week we are also delivering online house assemblies. These are popular with students who appreciate seeing and hearing from staff they know well. The assemblies contain themes, competitions, rewards and special messages. House assemblies can be viewed on the student portal.

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Once students log in to Microsoft Teams or the portal they have full access to their apps. The same username and password are used to log in to Show My Homework. Students should check their emails and teams' pages at least once a day.

Our families continue to reassure us that they have suitable arrangements to keep their children safe. If you have changed circumstances and you are not able to safely care for your children, then please let us know straightaway.

If you need to contact us, voicemails are being monitored during normal opening hours. When calling please leave your name, the nature of your enquiry and a return contact number. Or please feel free to email the school on office@uhs.org.uk. We will endeavour to respond where needed as quickly as we can. Please also tell us if your email, phone number or any personal details have changed so that we can keep our records up to date.

I wish you and your family a pleasant weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N B Clemens', written in a cursive style.

N B Clemens
Principal