

12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear parents/carers

It is with some optimism that I am able to update parents this week.

The government's easing of lockdown has meant that some primary children have returned to school. As mentioned in my previous update, we too are now able to begin a partial reopening programme.

From 22<sup>nd</sup> June Year 10 and 12 students will be coming into school to spend time with teachers. Parents who told us that they wanted their son/daughter to attend will receive details via post and email next week. A small number of key worker families have also contacted us. We are offering slots for their children to attend from 15<sup>th</sup> June.

If you are a parent of a Year 10 or 12 student and you have changed your mind and would like your child to attend, then please let us know straightaway. We will come back to you with an appointment time as soon as we can. If you are a key worker and you are not able to safely care for your children, again please contact us straightaway.

We are waiting for clarification from the DfE on the possibility of other year groups returning to school as well. I will update parents as soon as we are clear on any options here. We are hopeful that this update will include the go ahead to offer Year 11 and 13 students the opportunity to receive their examination results.

In respect of Year 11, we have prepared transition materials to help them in preparing to move into the sixth form. These will be published in due course. On Monday we will also be launching our transition web page for our upcoming Year 7 students. If you have a child joining us in September, you will find this an exciting resource to share with your son/daughter.

Meanwhile, our online provision for all year groups goes from strength to strength. I would like to commend our students for all their efforts in their online learning. Please have a look at or, even better, follow our Twitter accounts to see examples of work completed - @UHSPincipal, @uxbridgehighsch, @UHSPE, @uhs\_VAPA and @DT\_UHS. Our live lesson programme is expanding each week and we are now offering a very wide range of lessons. The [timetables for each year group](#) are on our website. All students should be able to attend at least one live lesson every day.

Finally, as a school we join with the wider community in support of the [#BlackLivesMatter](#) movement. We are passionate in making sure that we have a school culture where each person feels seen, heard and supported and that we are a school where we all acknowledge, respect and celebrate differences and commonalities. It has been so uplifting to hear students debating and expressing their views in lessons this week. Our PROUD values are in action. You may like to share by viewing our [assembly](#) this week or reading a poem kindly sent to me this morning by Hemesh in Year 7.

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](mailto: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.

May I wish you and your family a pleasant and healthy weekend.

Yours faithfully



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## **Black Lives Matter**

**I escaped from my country to a peaceful place  
I did this because there was racism everywhere  
I was a living dead person,**

**I came back after 10 years,  
I thought it was the end of racism  
As I was walking down the street,  
Pointing my head towards the sky**

**There were no idiotic rules offending us,  
“Finally we are all free!” I thought to myself  
But a dark feeling was trembling my heart  
And puzzling my mind “Is it all over?”**

**By Hemesh (Year 7)**