

26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear parents/carers

It has been fantastic to reopen the site more fully at school over the last couple of weeks. Despite the fact that we have all been in lockdown, everybody has quickly readapted. There is an overriding sense from staff and students that we are so looking forward to being back to normal.

The national picture is an optimistic one for schools. We believe that the government will give the go ahead for much wider opening, even full reopening, in September. As has been the pattern, we are awaiting details of this so that we can begin planning. These details are due next week and I will let parents know as soon as we know more.

We regularly update our opening status on the COVID section of the website [here](#).

Year 10 and 12 students have found our in-school mentoring sessions useful. With feedback we have been able to develop these. From 6<sup>th</sup> July the sessions will include help and practice with assessments as well as mentoring. Assessments will be started in school, finished at home and returned to school on a second visit. All other Year 10 students will of course be completing these assessments at home. Since reopening, more and more parents have contacted us from these year groups so our programme is expanding.

We also aim to offer sessions to a small number of students who are experiencing particular difficulties with home study. Please do contact us if you believe such a session would be helpful. These may be online or in school.

Meanwhile our staff are continuing to expand our live lessons which will continue until the end of term. The [timetables for each year group](#) are on our website. All students should be able to attend at least one live lesson every day.

I must remind parents and students that our online lessons depend on the same behaviour that we would expect of all students while in school. I have included a reminder at the end of this bulletin of the basic 'musts' which are important when attending live lessons that we shared at the start of this process. I am sure that you will understand that any student not meeting our expectations will not be able to take part in online learning.

Our staff have now completed the submission of our centre assessed grades for both Year 11 and Year 13 students. We are now planning what results days will look like this summer. In particular, we will be ensuring that Year 11 are supported with enrolment to our sixth form and our Year 13 students with their transition to university and work.

We have continued to offer free school meals vouchers for those who are eligible. If you are having any issues with these vouchers, please contact the finance team on [finance@uhs.org.uk](mailto:finance@uhs.org.uk). We know now that these will continue throughout the summer break. These vouchers are due for distribution before the end of term.

We understand that the circumstances of some families may have changed during COVID. This means that you may now also be eligible to claim free school meals. If you think this could be the case, please complete the application form on our website [here](#).

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We also offer families on low income and free school meals some support with school uniform. You will be able to request this support by completing an online form on the school website from 10<sup>th</sup> July. You will need to fill in a form for each of your children. Uniform items from approved requests received by 21<sup>st</sup> July will be available to collect from the school mid-August. Please note that we cannot guarantee delivery of uniform items if requests are made after these dates.

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 good weekend.

Yours faithfully



**N B Clemens**  
**Principal**

When attending live lessons, students must:

- Log on to the lesson 2 minutes before the start time, with the best WiFi signal possible. Tablets, mobiles and laptops should be charged and students should have paper or an exercise book and pen ready
- Dress in normal clothing (no pyjamas)
- Sit in an appropriate room where parents can go in and out. If possible, there should be a blank wall behind them
- Listen to the teacher during the lesson
- Wear headphones if they are in a room with other members of the family and set microphones to mute
- Use chat, cameras and microphones sensibly
- Follow class rules for asking questions