

Principal: Lesley Welsh



22 May 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Half Term Update

I hope this finds you and your family safe and well. As we approach the half-term holiday and begin the tenth week of school closure, I wanted to update you on our plans for partial reopening for Year 10 students and share a reminder about our online learning offer.

In line with other secondary schools in Scarborough, and to allow for more preparation to ensure that all elements of the North Yorkshire Risk Assessment for partial reopening are fulfilled, we do not anticipate opening to small groups of Year 10 students until **Monday 8 June 2020**. A further Government meeting is to be held during the half term break and we will require time to finalise our plans in light of this. If you have a child in Year 10, please monitor your emails as a personalised invitation into school will be sent to you if you have indicated that you want your child to return to school in June. **Please do not send your child until you have received this invitation** as arrangements are still being finalised. If you have not yet informed us of your decision, please call school on 01723 582194 or email news@gps.hlt.academy

We remain very pleased by student engagement in online learning. This will continue to be vitally important to students in all year groups over the coming weeks so please encourage your child to log in to the Google Drives, SAM Learning and MathsWatch on a weekly basis to support their learning. No checklists will be produced next week to give students a half term 'break' but they will be updated for Monday 1 June and we suggest all students log on then to get ahead in their studies. The Government has produced some useful guidance for families regarding online learning and this can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19> Please remember that we do not wish school work to become a source of friction in families and if we can offer any support or guidance to your children, you can contact us at hello@gps.hlt.academy

At this time, students may be experiencing feelings or situations which can feel hard to cope with or are overwhelming. I have today emailed all students with an assembly reminding them that, although we are not all together in school at this time, we, and a number of other organisations, are available to help them. Should students want to talk to a member of school staff about how they are feeling, they can text 07895 132530 and a colleague will contact them as soon as possible. There are a number of websites where support and guidance is offered and links to these can be found on our school website.

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School remains open throughout the half-term holiday for the provision of childcare for the children of keyworkers or vulnerable children so please contact hello@gps.hlt.academy if you require this service. If your family is in receipt of Free School Meals, please remember that there are no vouchers over the half term holiday but delivery will resume from 1 June. If you have any queries about Free School Meal vouchers, please contact fsm@gps.hlt.academy

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the school community for their support during these unprecedented times. Please continue to contact school if you have any concerns or feedback. I wish you and your families a safe and restful half term holiday.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

