

3rd April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers/Students,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you are managing to cope with the demanding and challenging circumstances we find ourselves in. Please be reassured that we continue to be committed to working with and supporting you all and ask that you email key staff with any requests of support or concerns.

Guidelines for ALL students during enforced closure can be found [here](#).

Teachers will not be setting any new work on SMHW over the Easter Holiday. If you wish your child to continue completing school work over the holiday then they should complete the work that is already on SMHW.

During these challenging times, we want to ensure that pupils eligible for Free School Meals can continue to access support if they are not in school therefore the government are providing supermarket vouchers for these families. Under this scheme eligible families will receive a £15 voucher per child by email every week from 20th April until school re-opens.

As with other school holidays, we are not able to provide Free School Meals during the two week Easter holiday which starts next week. If you are worried about this and in need of support then please contact Mr. Cooper at coopers@mayfieldschool.net

OfQual have now released the initial details of how exam grades will be awarded following the cancellation of the exams this summer. For all GCSE, AS-Level and A-Level exams that were to be sat this summer by Year 11, 12 and 13 students, schools will now be asked to provide a centre assessment grade and a rank order of students in each grade in each subject.

The centre assessment grades will come from teachers using their professional experience along with any relevant evidence from students including classwork, homework, PPEs, NEA or coursework, and practical components. The rank order will support the work that the exam boards will need to do with the data to ensure the grades are awarded fairly across the country so students end up with a fair set of results that are comparable to other students in other year groups.

This process does not include vocational qualifications such as BTECs or Cambridge Nationals. These are being discussed with further guidance to be released very soon. Also, exam boards have been asked to not award grades for any students in Yr10 or below as they have another chance to sit the exams.

More detail can be found in this letter (below)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf

Any questions regarding this announcement can be directed to Mr Pointon at pointonb@mayfieldschool.net

The London Borough of Redbridge have prepared and set up Coronavirus Helpline contacts for young people. The advice sheet can be found [here](#).

At the beginning of the week we received a message from Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospital Trust asking if we were able to help them with any protective goggles for their staff. We are pleased to report that we were able to send many pairs of goggles from our Science and Technology Departments. We are now working with a second hospital trust to see if we can support them.

However you choose to spend your time over the next two weeks please try to rest, relax and recharge your batteries. Look after yourselves and your families and above all stay safe. We will be in contact with you again on 24th April.

Yours sincerely.

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