

4th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers/Students,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Staff continue to set work on SMHW; we appreciate that every family's day may look different but do continue to encourage your child/children to have a planned structure that includes study time, exercise and social interaction.

We have been working with many parents/carers to ensure that students have access to SMHW. Please be advised that children who are continually failing to engage with the distance learning set will receive phone calls from teachers and pastoral staff. However, if this is as a result of you still experiencing difficulty accessing SMHW at home, please contact Mr Mir (mirr@mayfieldschool.net).

We are continuing to develop transition work for our current Year 11 students that will prepare them for their Sixth Form studies and will contact students directly with this information. Given the uncertainty of when Year 11 will commence their Sixth Form studies and outcomes of exam grading, if we offer the appropriate pathway/qualification, we would strongly encourage Year 11 students to continue their education at Mayfield.

In response to the Government's initiative of providing free laptops/tablets to students who either have a Social Worker or are in care, as well as disadvantaged students in Year 10 who do not have access to a device on which to complete their distance learning, we have placed an order with the local authority and will contact families directly when we have received these. We can confirm that Year 12 devices should be delivered this week and students will be contacted when they are ready for collection.

We making good progress with the process of allocating and ranking grades for Year 11, 12 and 13 students. Following guidance from the Government, we are not allowed to discuss or share these grades and rankings with students and so politely remind you not to email teachers asking about the grades.

We are still awaiting further detail regarding the arrangements for BTEC and Cambridge National qualifications. It is our belief that students should ensure that all units with deadlines prior to the 20th March have been completed and submitted and that students are working on any other coursework components where possible until we hear differently.

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

We appreciate that home schooling and the issues relating to online learning may be of a concern to some parents, particularly when trying to keep up to speed with developments in social media. We have published, via the Coronavirus Update link on the website, parents' guides to:

- Netflix
- Houseparty
- Zoom
- Tiktok
- Online Radicalisation

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. Parents/carers may find the following webpages helpful in coping with the demands of being a parent/teacher at this time;

<https://www.oneeducation.co.uk/news-blog/looking-after-yourself-as-a-parent-and-teacher-in-the-time-of-covid-19>

<https://www.annafreud.org/what-we-do/anna-freud-learning-network/coronavirus/>

Yours sincerely,

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