

22nd June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers/Students,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Last week we welcomed back into school some Year 10 and 12 students who have struggled to access the distance learning from home, in addition to the Key Worker children and vulnerable students who have attended since the forced school closure first began back in March. It was great to see more staff and students in school and classrooms, albeit fewer than normal, being used again. We know from speaking to the students that they are really appreciating and enjoying returning to school and seeing the friendly and supportive faces of both teaching and non-teaching staff.

Regular live lessons for Year 10 and 12 continue this week. You can find the timetable for lessons taking place this week here - <https://www.mayfieldschool.net/1821/coronavirus-closure-advice>. Parents of Year 10 and 12 students are asked check the timetable and make sure their child knows when their lessons are. It is important all students attend all online lessons. We appreciate there were some teething problems regarding the scheduling of lessons last week but these have now been addressed. The lessons will take place on Microsoft Teams; students can access Microsoft Teams by going to this website - teams.microsoft.com - and logging in with their school email and password.

We would like to remind you that work will only be set for Year 9 students for the subjects that they have chosen for their GCSE/BTECs. This work will be set on SMHW as before. This will support each student in making the transition from Year 9 into Year 10.

With regards to the amount of work that will be required, students should be following the guidance set for our GCSE students. This means 3 hrs a week for English and Maths, 2 hrs a week for science and all other options subjects. If you have any questions regarding this, please email Mr Barling – barlingm@mayfieldschool.net.

Subject teachers will continue to set work for Year 7 and 8 students on SMHW. Please email the relevant subject teacher in the first instance if your son/daughter has any questions or concerns with the work set.

With regard to the laptop scheme, we are expecting the delivery for our year 10 PP students today and if your child is eligible for one of these, we will contact you directly to arrange collection of it as soon as we are able.

We have now completed the process of allocating and ranking grades for Year 11, 12 and 13 students; these have been submitted to the exam boards. We respectfully remind you that we are unable to discuss these grades and rankings with you.

A level/AS results will be published on 13th August 2020 and GCSEs on 20th August 2020. We will give more details regarding Results Days as we get closer to the time.

The Year 11 into Year 12 Transition Material is now available on the school website, under the Sixth Form tab. Teachers have carefully prepared this work in line with the course specifications so that students are prepared for when they begin their Year 12 journey with us at Mayfield. The expectation is that students complete **ALL** tasks for the subject(s) they hope be studying at A level and/or BTEC. Students are expected to keep an organised folder of all work for each subject and present this to their teacher(s) at the beginning of the A level and/or BTEC course. This completed work will be checked by each teacher and will be part of the first assessment that will take place.

Should you have any questions about the work, please email the specific subject area teacher(s). 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 Sixth Form. If you have any questions regarding entry to the Sixth Form or the Transition work, please email Miss Sambhi sambih@mayfieldschool.net

In our last email to you last week we asked for your views on where we could improve and do more to tackle all forms of inequality in our school community. While we reflect on the areas we must improve, the views of our whole community are central to ensure we are doing everything we can. To that end, if you have any views on where we could improve please do contact us greenwooda@mayfieldschool.net campbell@mayfieldschool.net. We ask that you do this by Friday 26th June.

At this difficult time with the impact of the Covid 19 Pandemic all around us, Mayfield School would like to confirm that it is committed to the provision of emotional wellbeing support for all our students and staff. We recognise that this requires a partnership between home and school particularly where students are currently spending so much time away from school.

We would advise that you remain vigilant regarding your children's emotional wellbeing. Please be aware of any changes in their normal behaviour particularly if they are spending long periods of time isolated in their bedrooms not having regular contact with family or friends.

Please speak regularly to your child/children regarding how they are coping with this period of social isolation and distancing. Where possible, ensure that they have a structure and routine that enables dialogue between all members of your household each day. If you do become aware of changes in your child's mood, please let us know immediately so that we may work together to ensure their safety and wellbeing. Thank you for your continued support and attention at this time.

From the week beginning 29th June until the last week of term, the PE Department are holding a virtual Sports Day 2020. A PowerPoint explaining about the Virtual Sports Day and a Google form for students to enter their scores will be put on SMHW so please look out for this. Also look out for videos on the school website of members of the PE staff completing the events. Good luck!

Last week we launched our first edition of Mayfield Matters- our new online newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading this.

<https://sway.office.com/Lz1BY7YjmgH9AmH4?ref=Link>

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.

Yours sincerely.

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