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Principal - Mr T Beesley

20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

## RE: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) – Updated Information and Advice for Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a happy and peaceful Easter, and that you and your families are well. The Summer term has begun, although in a very different way to ever before. I said that I would not write to you during the holiday period, unless there was something urgent that needed to be shared. Fortunately, there was nothing that warranted me disturbing your holiday, and hopefully you had as normal an Easter holiday as possible, with no 'home' work set. I have, however, continued to enjoy the responses to all the various challenges, particularly those set by our PE Faculty, which you can see on their Instagram account @AHCCPE or on the College's Twitter account, @AllHallowsCC. I was also very impressed by one of the recent responses to the Music Faculty's 'Queen' challenge, that involved the whole of Alex's family in a Bohemian Rhapsody video, including the family dog!

## Year 9 Pathways

A letter regarding Pathways was emailed to parents and carers of Year 9 students on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April, and all relevant information, including presentations from 'option' subjects can be found on the College website at <https://www.allhallows.org.uk/pathways>. The deadline for completion and submission of the forms is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. If you have any questions about the Pathways process, please email the relevant Subject Leaders or our Assistant Principal (Curriculum), Ms Gemma Roberts, at [g.roberts@allhallows.org.uk](mailto:g.roberts@allhallows.org.uk).

## Working from Home

In my last letter I wrote about how we would be setting work in a slightly different way, as from today, to try and support those students and families who are struggling:

- Instead of following the current daily timetable, we have created a new timetable for each Year Group, with three subjects per day (Monday to Thursday)
- For Years 7-10, the core subjects of English, Maths, Science & RE will have two allocated 'slots' per week, although one of their slots will be focused more on creative, thinking-skills tasks, that will not need to be submitted for marking or assessment - although students may submit and ask for feedback, if they want
- Geography, History, MFL & PE will have one slot per week each, for Years 7 - 9
- In Year 10, Option subjects, including Humanities, MFL, will have one slot each per week
- Friday will be a 'catch-up' day, and can also be used for completing the weekly challenges. These challenges will include contributions from Performing Arts, Art, Design & Technology, PE and Computing
- Challenges will be set towards the start of each week, so that students and their families can complete them in their own time, but will also know that no new work will be set on Fridays
- Sixth Form subjects will set work twice per week. Friday will also be a catch-up, challenge and Unifrog day



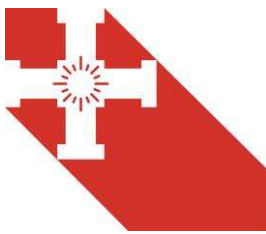
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As from today, therefore, work will be set according to the following weekly timetable:

Yr 7	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
1	ENG	MATH	RECC	ENG	CATCH UP/ Computing/ Challenges/ ADT/ PA
2	SCI	GEO	PE	MATH	
3	RECC	HIS	MFL	SCI	

Yr 8	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
1	MATH	ENG	ENG	RECC	CATCH UP/ Computing/ Challenges/ ADT/ PA
2	HIS	SCI	MATH	PE	
3	SCI	RECC	GEO	MFL	

Yr 9	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
1	RECC	MAT	SCI	MAT	CATCH UP/ Computing/ Challenges/ ADT/ PA
2	PE	SCI	ENG	RECC	
3	ENG	MFL	HIS	GEO	

Yr 10	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
1	SCI	ENG	MATH	SCI	CATCH UP/ Challenges
2	MATH	RECC	MFL	ENG	
3	HUM	OPTION	RECC	FITNESS	

Yr 12	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
AM	A	B	C	D	Unifrog - Careers / MOOCs / EPQ/ UCAS (From 21/5)
PM	D	C	B	A	Mental Health/PE/ Challenges

Whilst it is still the case that 2 ½ to 3 hours of work per day, for Years 7-9, is a realistic expectation, the work that will be set for Years 10 & 12 is likely to take longer – up to 4 or 5 hours per day.

The Government also opened Oak National Academy today, an online classroom and resource hub created by teachers, for teachers. Their aim is to support teachers to support their students by providing a bank of high-quality, sequenced video lessons and resources for teachers to use as they wish. Our teachers may, therefore, also start using these resources to complement their own lesson planning and remote teaching until the College fully re-opens.

## Years 11 & 13

Since my last letter, there have been no further updates from Ofqual regarding the awarding of grades in Summer 2020. You can see the guidance about how grades will be awarded here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020>



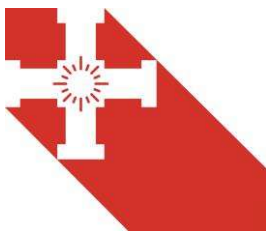
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You can find a letter to students here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/877830/Letter\\_to\\_students\\_-\\_Summer\\_2020\\_grading.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf)

You can find guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/877842/Summer\\_2020\\_grades\\_for\\_GCSE\\_AS\\_A\\_level\\_EPQ\\_AEA\\_in\\_maths\\_-\\_guidance\\_for\\_teachers\\_students\\_parents.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877842/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf)

Schools should not be requesting any further work from Year 11 & 13 students, as judgements about ranking and grades should be based on work already submitted and data previously collated. Teachers will continue to set work until all the content of the course has been completed, to ensure that students are prepared for any potential appeals process, which may involve sitting an exam. Teachers will not, however, be asking for work to be submitted for marking or assessment.

Once all the content has been completed, teachers will begin to set work which will help students with transition to their next stage of education, including work in preparation for A Level courses and MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) for Year 13 students. Offer letters for places in Sixth Form have now been sent out, and the deadline for acceptance is 27<sup>th</sup> April, to be sent to Mrs C Mullaney at [c.mullaney@allhallows.org.uk](mailto:c.mullaney@allhallows.org.uk)

## Re-opening of Schools

As you will be aware, there has been a lot of speculation in the press recently about when schools will be re-opening. There is no doubt that a great deal of careful planning will be needed before this can happen, and the Secretary of State for Education was very clear at yesterday's press conference that he could not give a date for when English schools will re-open. I would like to reassure you that Teaching Unions are working closely with the Department for Education to ensure that when we do get to the situation when schools are to open, either partially or fully, that this will happen as safely and smoothly as possible. As soon as I get more information about this, I will, of course, share it with you. In the meantime, however, we will continue to support you and your children as best we can.

## Parent Consultation Evenings

The next two Parent Consultation Evenings, for Year 8 on 28<sup>th</sup> April and Year 7 on 18<sup>th</sup> May, will both be postponed, due to the closure of the College.

Once again, thank you very much for your continued support. Please keep safe, keep in touch, and keep your distance. Should you have any further concerns on this issue please do contact me at [principalpa@allhallows.org.uk](mailto:principalpa@allhallows.org.uk)

God Bless

Tim Beesley  
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