



BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

Can we start by thanking the overwhelming majority of you that have supported us over our decision making in the past week. Your dozens of messages and emails have been a source of strength to us all. These are unprecedented times and we have had to react as quickly as we can over the past three working days to put together a plan that takes into account a variety of factors. Many of our staff have to self-isolate because of conditions that they or their family have. A number have volunteered to be in school to supervise vulnerable students or those of the Key Workers but under the parameters of ensuring they are 2 metres apart from everyone to try and keep themselves and their families safe. We feel a great responsibility for the welfare of all our staff and their families.

To try and keep students educated we have made the decision to do two things.

Firstly, we are going to concentrate our teachers' efforts on Y10 and Y12 who will now miss a period of time in school that will directly affect their work that will count towards their exams in 2021. Teachers will email students in their classes and set work that is appropriate to allow them continue with their syllabi and ensure that disruption is kept to a minimum. Some teachers will use Google Classroom, others may send reading material or text book work. We have asked staff to ensure that they are able to access their emails during the normal working day whilst being mindful that they also have their own families to support at the same time.

Secondly, we developed a new Super-Curriculum (www.beverleyhigh.net) that was designed to enhance student's knowledge of the wider aspects of subjects and we believe that this gives an ideal platform for Y7, Y8 and Y9 students to continue their learning in a variety of subjects. There are over 100 activities in the booklets for each year group covering all subject areas. If students complete these there is nothing to prevent them from completing other Year Groups' booklets as well. There is also the www.mymaths.com website that students have login details for to keep them working on Maths. English can be enhanced by reading the wide variety of books and novels that are recommended and this can also be enhanced by the free audio books available at <https://stories.audible.com/discovery>. We also await news from the BBC of the resources they are going to provide alongside their established "bitesize" series.

All Year groups could also look at www.futurelearn.com that offers a wide range of free courses on lots of interesting topics.

Whilst not a perfect solution we believe it is the right approach to balance both the need to keep some educational normality with keeping our staff safe and not over burdening them with emails.



Examinations and Predicted Grades

A number of students and parents are emailing their teachers about what will happen and the process we are being asked to follow is set out below.

- Exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their students well, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead.
- To produce this, teachers will be asked to take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment. Clear guidance on how to do this fairly and robustly will be provided to schools and colleges soon.
- Exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in.
- The aim is to provide these calculated grades to students before the end of July.
- Students will be able to appeal their grades if they don't believe the right process has been followed.
- There will also be an option to sit exams early in the next academic year for any students who wish to. Students may also choose to sit exams next summer.

Please do not email teachers about your grades. We will follow the procedures and submit the grades based on our full professional judgement of students and their work. It will take into account the full range of evidence and will be fair.

Can we also remind all students that the school is now closed (except for students in categories already identified) and no access can be provided to collect belongings in lockers as the buildings are being kept closed to prevent any possible spread of the virus.

Finally, we have done our best to come up with what we believe is a fair, safe and kind educational policy that meets the needs of both staff and students. It saddens us that we have had a couple of parents contact the school today and rant at our staff about the school's provision. This is not only upsetting for staff but it diverts their attention away from the essential tasks they are doing in school. We ask that you only telephone school if it is absolutely necessary. We are doing our best in what is the most unprecedented of times.

Yours sincerely



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