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Dear Parents and Carers

Today marks the end of this half term and also the end of our ninth week since school closed and the majority of staff and students started working from home. During this time I have been amazed with the way in which students have approached their new way of learning. They have shown resilience and determination to make the most of the challenging situation in which we have found ourselves. Throughout this time we know that you have continued to provide support and guidance to your children, whilst managing your own work and home commitments. As a parent of two small children I understand the challenges that this brings and would like to thank you all for everything that you have done over the last 9 weeks and for the continued support that you have shown to QE.

Following the announcement from the Government about plans for schools next term I am giving an update for each Year group and for the Key Worker/Vulnerable student group.

Year 9

In line with the government announcement school will remain closed for Year 9 students and they will continue to work from home after half term.

On Tuesday 19th May you should have received an email confirming the option subjects for your child. If you have not received this email, please contact sbdean@queenelizabeths.com. Next half term the way in which work is set for Year 9 will change slightly. For the core subjects (English, Maths, Science and RE) work will continue to be set as per the students timetable by their current class teacher, as has been the case up until this point. However, students will no longer receive daily work for their other subjects. The Year 9 Google classroom will contain the Option Subject Induction Booklets for all of the option subjects. Students will need to access the Option Induction Booklets for the three subjects that have been confirmed as their options for September. The aim of the Option Induction Booklets is to introduce the new subjects including; structure, content and skills. Students should aim to spend no more than two hours per week per subject on these booklets.

Over a two week period in the week beginning the 29th June, teachers will set a short task to assess students' understanding of the Option Induction Booklet. If you have any questions regarding the Option Induction Booklet tasks or activities, please contact the course leader for



Allenbourn Middle School Colehill First School Emmanuel Middle School Hayeswood First School Hillside First School Lockyer's Middle School
Merley First School Queen Elizabeth's School St John's First School St Michael's Middle School Verwood First School Witchampton First School



these subjects. Their details can be found in the Options Booklet which is on the school website.

Year 10 and Year 12

The government confirmed that Secondary Schools should provide some face to face contact for students in Year 10 and 12 during next half term. We are still awaiting the guidelines for secondary schools from the Department for Education to finalise our plans for this provision. Thank you to all parents who completed the google form updating us of your intentions around sending your children back to school for this face to face contact. This is helping us to formulate our plans and I will write to you again early next half term with specific details around how this will be organised.

The online learning will continue in the same way that it has for all students in Year 10 and Year 12. Work will be set using the google classroom in line with their current timetable.

Year 11 and Year 13

We will be writing to Year 11 and Year 13 parents separately after half term to update on transition arrangements for Sixth Form and University together with information about Proms and Results days. We continue to be available to support students in both Year 11 and Year 13 so please do not hesitate to contact tutors or teaching staff.

Key Worker / Vulnerable Students

Thank you to all Key Workers and parents or carers of students with EHCPs for completing the online survey regarding your plans for your children to access school after the 8th June. We will continue to provide the support for these students attending to complete their online learning in small groups under the supervision of a member of staff.

If you are a parent or carer of a child with an EHCP, within one of the vulnerable student groups or you are a critical worker and your child needs to come into school in the week 1st-5th June but you have yet to let us know please email office@queenelizabeths.com. A member of staff will then make contact with you to arrange this provision.

All students attending school from Monday 1st June will be required to attend in full school uniform.

Online Learning Survey

A number of parents have asked if we can provide 'live' lessons. Unfortunately this is not possible due to our safeguarding policy. However, I know a number of staff have started to upload pre-recorded material to the classroom for students to access and I hope that students have found this useful. We have recently teamed up with Edurio to gain some further feedback from you about how home learning is going for you and your child. This will help us to further improve the provision we put in place for next half term. The 'pulse' survey is brief and will only take a few minutes to complete. Please find the link here. <https://edurio.com/poll/Bz4DyO>.



As I said in my previous letter we will not be setting any work for students during the half term break. This is to allow students, staff and families some time to rest. I wish you all a good half term break and hope that you can all enjoy some of the sunshine that is forecast.

Please continue to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K Boyes'.

Katie Boyes
Headteacher