

Our Ref: KEB/jd

20th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Summer term! I hope that you and your families managed to have some time to rest over the last two weeks. As we enter the fifth week of the lockdown there are increasing reports in the media about isolation and the possible negative effect on mental health and happiness. There are many charities that are supporting young people with their mental health including Kooth and Child line at this time. We have compiled information from the NHS and PiXL to support parents and students during this time and included phone numbers and websites for organisations that can support students. This information will be available on our website from today. We hope that you and your families find this useful.

### Online Learning

As we start this term, and the next stage in our journey of working online I would like to update and remind you about the way in which we will continue to use the Google Classroom to set learning opportunities for your children.

### Year 11 and Year 13

Following the latest updates around Centre Assessment from Ofqual we have taken the decision to no longer continue to set work for students in Year 11 and 13 using the Google Classroom. Whilst we have not yet received information regarding the examinations that will be on offer in the Autumn term I know that some students will be planning to sit these. For these students we would encourage them to continue with their independent revision for these exams. Students in Year 11 who are coming back to join us in the Sixth Form are expected to complete the induction booklets for the subjects that they are hoping to study. These can all be found in the Year 11 classroom. If you need any further information on the induction booklets then please contact Miss Dean, Head of Sixth Form.

### Year 9, 10 and 12

Work will continue to be set online with the current timetable for all subjects. The work will be uploaded to the Google Classroom for 8.30am each day. Students should complete the work and submit work where required to their teacher using the classroom. Staff will provide

feedback on this work and are also available via email to provide support to students during the day if needed. If you have any questions about subject specific work then please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher using the email addresses that are available on the school website.

### **Year 9 Options Process**

As per the original timeline that we shared with you at the start of the Options process in February, students Option subjects will be confirmed in May. We recognise that students are keen to know what they will be studying from September, especially in these uncertain times. From May half term, should schools still remain closed, we have asked subject staff to produce induction booklets for their Option subjects for year 9 students which will help them transition into their GCSE subjects. From May half term students will be set their CORE lessons (English, Maths, Science, RE and PE) via google classroom and the induction booklets in the subjects they have chosen. Up until this time students in Year 9 are expected to work through all of the subjects on their timetable as they would have done if we were still in school. If you have any questions regarding the options then please contact Mrs Dean ([sbdean@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:sbdean@queenelizabeths.com))

### **Key Worker / Vulnerable Students**

The government advice remains that parents and carers should only send their child to school if their work is critical to our response to Covid-19 and there is no one at home to look after them, or it is not safe for them to remain at home. 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 you require childcare then please email [office@queenelizabeths.com](mailto:office@queenelizabeths.com). A member of staff will then make contact with you to accommodate your child within one of the Wimborne Academy Trust schools.

There has been lots of speculation in the media over the weekend about potential dates and timescales for schools reopening. We do not have any information from the Department for Education about this at this stage but as always I will continue to update you as soon as we have any further information.

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**

