



Dear parents,

I hope the first week of the summer term Stay at Home school has gone as well as possible. I wanted to give you a few updates following my email at the start of the week.

Summer term calendar

Year 10 Progress Exams will take place from 1st – 12th June (immediately after May half term). We do not know yet whether we will be able to run these on the school site. If not, we will make them available for students to do at home and will ask parents to confirm that they have been completed under test conditions. We will publish a list of the exams that students will take as soon as possible but for now Year 10 students should assume that they will have an exam in all the courses that include an exam, unless they are told otherwise. The main focus of most exams will be work completed before school closure, but the teachers in each subject will confirm to students what they need to do to prepare for the exams, and the learning activities for the next 4 weeks will support this preparation.

We are aiming to publish Year 7 reports before May half term. These will be a summary of student progress before the school closure but may also reference how well students have engaged with learning in Stay at Home School.

Year 10 reports will be published before the end of the summer term. These will reference learning across the school year including performance in the summer progress exams.

We have a Local Governing Body Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 6th May, and I would like to arrange more frequent Parent Forum Meetings this term. The first one will be by zoom on Wednesday 29th April 6.30-7.30pm. Please email white@whptrust.org if you would like to receive an invitation and to submit any agenda items.

Stay at Home Learning

I hope that you and your child have found the core and challenge curriculum more clearly set out and the workload appropriate and manageable this week. If you have any questions or queries about work expectations, please direct them to your child's tutor or Progress Leader in the first instance.

Please ensure that your child completes their Learning Diary each week and submits it to their tutor on google classroom by the end of the day on Monday for the previous week. We are using the diaries to track student engagement in our curriculum and developmental activities and it is a great contact point between tutors and students.

Live lessons

Thank you to all those of you who have already replied to the My Ed message earlier this week with regard to giving permission for your child to take part in video conferencing lessons or tutor sessions. While lessons have been trialed with Year 10 and 11 groups so far, we hope to roll these out to some Key Stage 3 tutor group sessions and classes from next week. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact your child's tutor or Progress Leader in the first instance. If you haven't replied yet, it would be appreciated if you could do so as soon as possible.



Welfare Calls

We have contacted a large number of families by phone, email or in some cases a socially distanced doorstep home visit. Next week tutors and pastoral staff will be contacting any families who have not had a recent individual contact from school. This is an opportunity to update us about family circumstances, and discuss any issues or concerns, including around students accessing work. Please note that contact will be by phone or email. In some cases, staff will be using their personal phone and will withhold their number.

If there is any sort of issue do not wait for us to get in touch; please phone or email.

- The school office is open Monday to Friday 8am – 4pm (0115 917 0424 or white@whptrust.org)
- You or your child can email your child's tutor, or Progress Leader
- If you need to contact our safeguarding team, speak to someone urgently, or you have not had a reply after 2 working days, please contact studentsupport@whptrust.org.

Free School Meals

We are reviewing our system of providing an alternative to Free School Meals from next week. Families who receive Free School Meals will have the opportunity to receive vouchers from the national voucher scheme. In addition to this, families who wish to do so may still receive a top up delivery from HOPE. We have had a number of enquiries about this from parents, but have wanted to ensure that the initial teething issues with the voucher website were ironed out before moving to this system. Further details will be sent out to parents of children who are entitled to Free School Meals next week.

Trips and visits

You should also have received a My Ed message from our Trust Finance department with regard to trips and visits, especially if you have paid monies towards a trip or event. It is our intention to rearrange everything that we possibly can, as soon as it is safe to do so and we can make the arrangements and bookings. However, in the meantime we are able to offer a refund for many activities while reserving you a place on the rescheduled trip or activity when it is able to go ahead.

A My Ed message will be sent with regard to the arrangements for the Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions and Awards next week – again, it is our intention to go ahead with these activities as soon as it is safe to do so and we are able to reorganise them.

With regard to the Year 11 Prom and other end of year events, and second part of the German Exchange, we can provide a refund if required but will otherwise keep the monies already paid towards the cost of these activities which we will run as soon as possible.

If you have any other queries with regard to monies paid towards trips or activities that are now postponed, please contact the Trust Finance Department at finance@whptrust.org.

INSPIRE Music and Instrument Lessons

If your child has instrumental lessons at school you should have received a My Ed message explaining the process for arranging online lessons for this term. Please contact the WHP Finance department if your child has instrumental lessons at school and you have not yet received this information.

Thank you so much to all those of you who took the time to watch our video message this week – and for the kind comments. It has yet again been a week where we are reminded of the importance of our values and sense of community even when we are not physically together. Staff very much enjoyed remotely coming together to deliver our message – we are here to support you and these days will pass.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Mellors
Headteacher