

17 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 10 Additional Programme - Covid Catch-Up due to Missed Learning in Autumn Term 1

Given that some students have now had four separate periods of isolation, the school have initiated a catch-up programme for the current Year 10 cohort, which will see them through their time at Hungerhill. On Thursday 3 December, I met with Year 10 via Microsoft Teams to try alleviate any anxieties and to discuss additional strategies for support, focussing on three main areas: academic achievement, wellbeing and careers.

Please see below the start of our programme that we have created based on feedback from students and parents. It is our intention that elements of this will commence in January 2021 and will run initially until Easter 2021. At this point, there will be an opportunity for parents/carers and students to offer feedback to inform plans for the Summer Term. Given the amount of lost learning time and the disruption that the current Year 10 have faced, it is our intention to roll out the intervention programme we have used for current Year 11 for our Year 10 students from September 2021.

Academic

A programme is already being planned for this cohort for when they are in Year 11, which will include an extended school day and form time interventions to focus on core subjects. If capacity allows this will begin for core subjects in the Summer Term.

Remote Learning

From 19 October, the school launched its remote learning policy, meaning that whilst students were self-isolating, they had access to quality voice over lessons or live lessons. These are then recorded and stored on Microsoft Teams and are another additional resource that students can utilise to secure their learning. The intention is for these to remain on Teams for the duration of Year 10/11, meaning that these can also be accessed to help support students prepare for internal assessments and exams.

Extension of School Day

During Year 11, out of lesson intervention will focus primarily on the core subjects. We are therefore in a position to be able to extend the school day from Monday 22 February to Friday 26 March. It will be compulsory for students to attend one session per week, in which they would work with a subject specialist on one of their other Key Stage 4 subjects, such as: Geography, Health and Social, Media, History, MFL, Design Technology etc. However, students will be able to attend multiple sessions if they have the capacity to do so. This will be reviewed prior to the Easter holidays and if it is having impact, we will continue in the Summer Term. More details to follow after Christmas.

School Holiday Support

We will investigate the possibility of holding intervention sessions during the February, Easter, May and Summer holidays. More details to follow in the new year.



Oaks Academy

The government has funded Oaks Academy to produce online lessons that match the national curriculum and GCSE specifications, with clear learning routes for progression. They are delivered by specialist teachers and contain resources such as quizzes, activities etc. These are available for most subjects and students can work through these independently at their own pace, selecting key areas that need further consolidation or to address gaps in learning.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-4>

Well-being

Form Time Meetings

In the event of future full year group closures, form tutors will schedule daily Teams meetings from 8:40-8:55am to support with student wellbeing.

Remote access to a school councillor

The school has been working with the Local Authority to source additional counselling sessions for students in Year 10. It is not anticipated that all students will require this resource. Parents can request an initial meeting for their child on the Microsoft Form at the bottom of this letter. This will then be followed up with a consent form prior to the session. These sessions will take place remotely over Zoom. For January, these will take place on a Monday and Friday between 9:00am and 3:00pm, lasting approx. 20 minutes per session. We appreciate that the timings mean students who attend a meeting will miss additional lesson time, but these are unfortunately the only dates/times currently availability and given the feedback from students and parents/carers on the need for this provision we have provisionally booked this.

Mental Health on-line support

Please find below useful links, which can be used to support your child with any mental health or well-being issues.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04pxgfk>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/resources/school-resources/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdjyy9q>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3vXKN1PUTk&feature=youtu.be>

<https://camhs.rdash.nhs.uk/>

Careers

Website

The Careers section of the School's website has recently been up-dated to give the best advice and guidance possible. You will find information on the post 16/apprenticeship and training providers that are available to your son/daughter as they make their transition from Hungerhill into further education, with links for easy access to their websites. You will also find details of the many open events that are held throughout the year (currently being presented virtually) along with information on local labour markets and inspirational videos promoting various business/industry sectors that will hopefully help and inspire our young people in making their destination choices. In addition to the information available to you on the website you can also follow our twitter page **@HHCareersDept** where we will keep you up to date with careers events and activities both in school and at all of our post 16 providers and business links.



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Work Experience

Unfortunately, due to the Corona Virus Pandemic it will not be possible for the Work Experience Programme for Year 10 to go ahead, however you will see information on the website about some of the virtual work experience programmes that are available for all students aged 15 and above to participate in, this will be continually updated as we become aware of any new opportunities.

Year 10 Careers Clinic

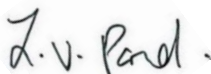
In light of Covid 19 restrictions, we are planning to hold virtual careers clinic on January 14 and 21 for our Year 10 students. We have three members of staff who will conduct meetings from 4.30 to 6.30pm- these will last approximately 20 minutes per student. These will be allocated on a first come first served basis and follow up meetings can be arranged for later in the term. If there is a huge demand, we will extend these clinics into February and March. In the current circumstances this is the safest way for careers advice to be given and we encourage parents/carers to be involved with their child during the meeting. In order to minimise technical issues, we ask that the meetings take place where there is a secure and reliable Wi-Fi connection in a private area.

We would very much like to gage parental feedback on these interventions and would therefore ask if parents would take the time to complete the following form. The deadline for completion is Monday 4 January 2020 at noon.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gpGINmBo_0aOcV4qHhM4ZrZ7V027iNIFmcd1AKMXB51UNFZKVkRTR1BXOFYyWVBVNFZUSURKRVJPVC4u


This is by no means a comprehensive list of interventions and this will be reviewed constantly throughout the year. I am confident that with this additional support and the support of parents/carers we can work together to ensure that your child is not further disadvantaged by the effects of school closures and self-isolation periods.

Yours sincerely,



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