

Hayle Academy

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I do hope this letter finds you well. Firstly, may I thank you again for your support during this difficult time and for the helpful communication from both parents and students. Feedback indicates Show My Homework arrangements are generally working well. We will be reviewing these as we know more about the length of lockdown to decide if we need to revise our approach.

In the meantime, the government have shared some useful online resources that are worth exploring with your child. The link follows and I hope these free and approved sites are useful to you.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources?utm_source=221c3f13-61f1-472c-b35f-4c2578319c59&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

I would like to clarify the home learning arrangements for Year 11 as we move forward. As we now know that Year 11 qualifications will be judged using teacher assessment, we will be making some changes to our Year 11 online learning, with effect from today.

Where students have completed their courses and would have been using the remaining weeks of this half term to revise and prepare for the final exams, teachers will no longer set work. This is because students have completed their courses in these subjects. This applies to Maths, Science, English, Computer Science, History, Biology and Chemistry (triple and separate), Physics (foundation trilogy).

In Physics (Higher trilogy and separate science), Spanish, Drama, Art, Timber, Child Development, PE BTEC, Hospitality and Catering, Music, Enterprise and Geography students have not yet completed their courses: in order to ensure they are well prepared for their transition to post 16 education, teachers will continue to set work in these subjects until the course is complete.

Further details of other subjects where this applies will follow. All courses should be completed by May half term and we are therefore not expecting that teachers will set work for Year 11 classes after the end of May. We strongly advise students to complete the work set as it will support their learning from September. In particular, students who are planning to continue to study these subjects at College should make every effort to complete the work. Teachers remain contactable through Show My Homework should students have any questions or difficulties in completing the



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work. Year 11 tutors will continue to contact their tutor groups on a weekly basis, and are also available to provide advice and support to students.

For students and parents, guidance from OFQUAL on the summer 2020 grades for GCSE can be found on our website and by accessing the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877842/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf)

Despite all the disruption we have managed to make some excellent new appointments for next year. We are particularly pleased that Laura Simons has gained a major promotion within the English department. We have appointed a new English teacher, Nicola Carter, who will be leading our whole school literacy initiatives. We will also be welcoming Imogen Nowell and Kayleigh Hardy to the English faculty. Finally, we welcome Branka Williamson and Isobel Hanson who will be teaching Science.

If you have any queries about the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Best wishes.

Yours faithfully

Dan Mather
Head of School