

# BISHOP HEBER HIGH SCHOOL

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19<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Good evening parents,

I trust that the emails that we are sending are both valued and supportive and that they find you in good health? I'm writing this email as we end our fourth week in lockdown and I hope that the Spring Break has provided your household with some relief away from the school year in preparation for the summer term. A summer term that will be like no other we have experienced and hopefully never will again. The school remained open over the Spring Break and I want to thank my colleagues for being available and making the days such a worthwhile experience for the children of our critical workers. I would also want to thank each and every one of you too for staying at home to help protect our NHS during these unprecedented times.

Mr Ridley Thomas, Mrs Abbotson and I wrote to you in at the start of the month explaining what we have planned for our return to the summer term tomorrow (see attached). Based on the feedback we have received from families and staff we have adapted the model for home schooling for Year 7, 8 and 9. For Year 10 and Year 12 the programme for home school will remain the same as outlined in earlier emails – that is, working on GCSE or A-level work set by teachers on INSIGHT. For KS3 students, Mr Ridley Thomas has emailed every student in Year 7, 8 and 9 today with the new programme for the next 4-6 weeks. We know that it is much more challenging to learn at home and therefore he has suggested that it is better for the younger students in KS3 to divide the school day up into three sessions rather than the five single hours. For example:

Session 1	9 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.
Session 2	11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. and
Session 3	1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

Feedback suggests that for many it's often better to work for an extended period on one project and finish it, rather than flitting from lots of half completed projects/activities. Mr Ridley Thomas has suggested that students in each of the sessions try to keep to a routine. We have decided to support you by designing a more flexible timetable which identifies the subjects the students should prioritise each day. We know that students are going to be working at different paces and so we have made it explicit that students spend approximately **three hours a day on school work** across the three sessions. If your child is getting behind having completed the three hours or is struggling to start a project or gets stuck, please encourage them to e-mail their teacher/s directly so that they can be supported to complete the work set.



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Mrs Abbotson (Dir. of Sixth Form) will be sending all Year 11 families an email setting out a programme of study to support Year 11 transitioning to our Sixth Form in September. The email will arrive on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

External Examinations (Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form): Please take some time to carefully read Miss Windsor's letter attached to this email. I am sure you are aware from the news that Ofqual and the Examination Boards have now outlined how they will be awarding grades this summer. The Ofqual guidance which all exam boards and schools will follow and the letter for students' from Ofqual can be found at the links given below:

[Letter to students: summer 2020 grading](#)

[Guidance for teachers, students, parents and carers: summer 2020 grading](#)

As always look after yourselves and keep safe. With that in mind, I have included Mrs McCarthy's earlier email with links to Mental Health resources that are available to families in Cheshire, Shropshire and Wrexham that you may find useful.

Best regards

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