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19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are continuing to stay safe and well. I promised that we would stay connected throughout this time and update you regularly about school related information.

As I'm sure you will know exams this summer's GCSE and A Level exams have been cancelled and teachers will again be asked to provide centre assessed grades. Last week Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education, wrote to Ofqual asking them to initiate a consultation on the awarding of grades. The consultation has now begun and is set to last two weeks. No decisions on how grades will be awarded will be made until the consultation is over, but in summary, these are the proposals so far:

- Teachers provide replacement grades for A-levels and GCSEs
- Evidence will be broad and could include coursework, essays, tests and homework
- External tests may be set by exam boards, but likely to be marked in school
- Results provided to students in early July, rather than in August
- Vocational exams will use teachers' grades, but separate arrangements for practical skills

You can read further information about the above here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education55675074>

Ofqual are asking students, parents and teachers to contribute their views to the consultation on the awarding of grades this summer. If you are interested, you can find more information here:

<https://ofqual.blog.gov.uk/2021/01/15/how-2021-could-look-for-students-and-learners-we-want-your-views/>

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I have previously shared our plans regarding Lateral Flow testing. Without wanting to sound like a government briefing, I thought I would update you on the number of tests that have been completed in school since the beginning of term.

	Last week	Total since in-school testing began	Positive cases (confirmed by PCR test)
Lateral Flow tests completed	80	124	0

Ms Pinney (PSHE) and Ms Roberts (Careers) have been working hard to ensure we continue to provide all students with advice and guidance on specific themes during this latest lockdown period. There are a number of opportunities relating to work experience and finding out more about future careers which have recently become available. We will be emailing anything specific to relevant year groups directly, but for Y10 - 13, there are several events happening in the next few weeks which we'd recommend students take a look at:

- 1) A Virtual Careers Fair, offering interactive talks and sessions with employers like HSBC, Network Rail and Cancer Research UK, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January – flexible times in case it conflicts with lessons. Many of the companies participating will be running Virtual Work Experience programmes (and ultimately apprenticeships) afterwards, so it's a great opportunity to find out more. Sign up [here](#)
- 2) National Apprenticeships Week – running this year between 8<sup>th</sup> and 14 February – lots of opportunities to find out more about companies offering apprenticeships starting this year and next - more information to follow soon
- 3) Virtual University Fair for students in Y11 – 13 – sign up [here](#)
- 4) If you are interested in a future in Medicine/Healthcare there is a fantastic opportunity for students in Y10 – 13 (with predicted grades of 6 or higher in Maths, English and Science) to take part in an accredited virtual work experience programme in February. There are around 10 hours of activity within each programme which students can fit around other obligations:
  - Medicine Virtual Work Experience <https://www.springpod.co.uk/medicine-virtual-work-experience-sussex/>
  - Nursing Virtual Work Experience <https://www.springpod.co.uk/nursing-virtual-work-experience-sussex/>

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- Allied Health Professions Virtual Work Experience <https://www.springpod.co.uk/ahp-virtual-work-experience-sussex/>

- 5) Lastly it's National Careers Week during 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March – watch out for more information to follow, including interactive sessions with local employers such as Legal and General.

As I've highlighted before, we've all become quite good at adapting to change and uncertainty. However, we know that many young people's mental health and wellbeing will be affected by the current situation. Although aimed at a younger age group this BBC video on supporting young people's mental health and wellbeing is worth watching;  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/education-55620288>

There is also further information and resources for parents and carers in this link to the Young Minds website in addition to the resources of wider external provision copied again at the end of this letter.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Thank you once again for all the kind messages of support. I have shared them with staff and I know they are much appreciated and valued during these difficult times.

Best wishes

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Head teacher

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Service	Offer	Contact
<b>Hove Park Support accessible remotely</b>		
<b>Your Year Team</b>	We would always recommend that if you have any questions or worries, that you contact your child's Year Team as they will be able to help with a wide range of school based concerns or signpost you to where you can find support.	Year 7 – Miss Satterly <a href="mailto:ESatterly@hovepark.org.uk">ESatterly@hovepark.org.uk</a> Year 8 – Mr Lowrie <a href="mailto:TLowrie@hovepark.org.uk">TLowrie@hovepark.org.uk</a> Year 9 – Mr Frimpon <a href="mailto:sfrimpon@hovepark.org.uk">sfrimpon@hovepark.org.uk</a> Year 10 – Mr Agnihotri <a href="mailto:sagnihotri@hovepark.org.uk">sagnihotri@hovepark.org.uk</a> Year 11 – Mr Streeter <a href="mailto:mstreeter@hovepark.org.uk">mstreeter@hovepark.org.uk</a> 6 <sup>th</sup> Form – Neil Wickens <a href="mailto:NWickens@hovepark.org.uk">NWickens@hovepark.org.uk</a>
<b>Safeguarding Team</b>	All of us have a responsibility for Child Protection. This means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• protecting children from abuse</li> <li>• promoting the welfare of children</li> <li>• preventing children from being harmed</li> </ul> If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a young person, please contact the Safeguarding Team	Always include <a href="mailto:safeguarding@hovepark.org.uk">safeguarding@hovepark.org.uk</a> in any correspondence  Designated Safeguarding Lead and Designated Teacher for Looked After Children – Mrs Nansi <a href="mailto:Mellornmellor@hovepark.org.uk">Mellornmellor@hovepark.org.uk</a>  Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss Cassey Gaywood <a href="mailto:cgaywood@hovepark.org.uk">cgaywood@hovepark.org.uk</a>

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<b>Wellbeing Team</b>	The Wellbeing Team provide mental health support offering advice, assessment and therapeutic intervention. Referrals are made via your child's Year Team and there may be a waiting list. We are working via email, telephone and prearranged Teams meetings.	Lauren Pinney <a href="mailto:lpinney@hovepark.org.uk">lpinney@hovepark.org.uk</a>
<b>Your Space</b>	Your Space is a self-referral system for students at Hove Park who would like to access mental health support. Students are offered a time to talk to a member of the Wellbeing Team to assess what support they might need. This email is only monitored during school times. Unfortunately, we cannot offer face-to-face appointments at this time, but students can choose contact via telephone or email.	<a href="mailto:yourspace@hovepark.org.uk">yourspace@hovepark.org.uk</a>
<b>Brighton and Hove Organisations</b>		

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<b>School's Wellbeing Service</b>	If you have any concerns about their Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing you are invited to talk to a Primary Mental Health Worker from the Schools Wellbeing Service. (see attached flyer)	<a href="mailto:SWSConsultationLine@brighton-hove.gov.uk">SWSConsultationLine@brighton-hove.gov.uk</a> or call 01273 293481 and leave a message.
<b>Allsorts</b>	Allsorts Youth Project listens to, supports & connects children & young people under 26 who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or unsure (LGBTU) of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity.	To find out more at Hove Park contact, Mrs Pinney, <a href="mailto:lpinney@hovepark.org.uk">lpinney@hovepark.org.uk</a>  <a href="mailto:edcation@allsortsyouth.co.uk">edcation@allsortsyouth.co.uk</a>  <a href="https://www.allsortsyouth.org.uk/young-people">https://www.allsortsyouth.org.uk/young-people</a>
<b>ChatHealth – School Nursing Team text messaging service</b>	ChatHealth is a secure and confidential text messaging service for young people, aged 11-19. It provides an easy and anonymous access with a healthcare professional for advice and support.	A safe and easy way for young people to speak to a qualified health professional confidentially about all kinds of health issues, like emotional health, sexual health, bullying, healthy eating and any general health concerns - <a href="https://chathealth.nhs.uk">https://chathealth.nhs.uk</a> or text 07480635423
<b>e-wellbeing</b>	e-wellbeing is a digital wellbeing service for young people, run by YMCA DownsLink Group. Our aim is for all young people to be able to access the right support	<a href="https://e-wellbeing.co.uk">https://e-wellbeing.co.uk</a>

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	and information around their emotional health and wellbeing, in the right place, at a time that is right for them.	
<b>Emergency Mental Health Support</b>	If you require urgent support for your child's mental health please call Specialist CAMHS on 0300 304 0061 between 08:30am – 4:00pm. Outside of these hours, seek support from the Royal Alexander Children's Hospital or call 999	
<b>National Organisations</b>		
<b>Childline</b>	Childline is here to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they're going through. You can talk about anything. Whether it's something big or small, our trained counsellors are here to support you.	<a href="https://www.childline.org.uk">https://www.childline.org.uk</a>
<b>Young Minds</b>	The UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. Support, advice and guidance on a range of mental health issues for	<a href="https://youngminds.org.uk/">https://youngminds.org.uk/</a> Parents Helpline – call 0808 802 5544 Or email the Parents Helpline using <a href="#">our contact form</a> .

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	young people, parents and carers.	
<b>Al-Anon</b>	Al-Anon Family Groups UK & Eire is there for anyone whose life is or has been affected by someone else's drinking.	<a href="https://www.al-anonuk.org.uk/">https://www.al-anonuk.org.uk/</a>
<b>National Domestic Abuse Helpline</b>	Call the National Domestic Abuse Helpline for free and confidential advice, 24 hours a day on 0808 2000 247.	<a href="https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/">https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/</a> 0808 2000 247.
<b>Winston's Wish</b>	Winston's Wish supports bereaved children, young people, their families, and the professionals who support them.	<a href="http://winstonswish.org">winstonswish.org</a> . Our Freephone National Helpline is free to call on 08088 020 02

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