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19th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this week's letter, I have tried to include a number of different updates and information about latest developments and planning.

It was really lovely to welcome the y10 and y12 students back to school this week. There was clearly some anxiety and nerves, but we were all so impressed with the mature way in which they approached their return. Attendance has been excellent, with nearly all groups full. We have had a number of further requests for more y10 students to access the inschool provision. We will manage this increasing number by retaining group sizes to a maximum of 10 and creating new groups on each site with different staggered timings.

As I highlighted in my letter last week our training for delivering live streamed lessons has continued. This is a really exciting and important development to support student engagement and progress, whilst they cannot be in-school full time. I have outlined below the growth of our live lesson timetable. It is important to note that the lessons are being delivered to teaching groups within a year group, rather than a whole cohort. All students will however, be able to access the recorded version.

You can see the expansion of the provision over the last couple of weeks which will continue to increase over time, as more staff complete their training. Students are accessing their live lessons through Microsoft Teams, with links being sent through FireFly. Parents and carers are also being notified by e-mail with links attached.





















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Week beginning 8 th June 2020	
Subject	Year Group
German	9
Week beginning 15 th June 2020	
History	9
Geography	8
French	9
German	9
Week beginning 22 nd June 2020	
Business studies	10
History	8
Geography	7
Spanish	8
Chinese	10
German	9
Italian	10
Maths	7,8,9
English	8,9
Science	7

The government has now confirmed that the Free School Meal voucher scheme will continue throughout the school summer holidays. This is a welcomed change in policy that I know will make a significant difference to many of our families.

We are planning on having a second hand uniform sale on Saturday 4th July 2020 (more details to follow). If you have any spare uniform that your children no longer need / have outgrown, we will gratefully be accepting donations. If items can be dropped off in a bag at the pedestrian gate at the Nevill campus, during schools opening times – it will be very much appreciated.























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After considerable time and work by Mr Salter, and other staff in terms of content, I am pleased to share our new school website. As with all new sites there is still further work to be done on developing specific pages, but I think it provides a clear and very positive picture of our school, and our values in addition to being a platform for information.

www.hovepark.org.uk

As I highlighted in my letter earlier in the week, the news can often make us feel strong emotions. Never more so than at the moment. Many of the young people within our diverse school and wider community will have been affected by the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, the global protests and campaigns to raise awareness and affect change. There will be many pupils wanting to make sense of the events in the news, wanting inspiration to find their voices and wanting to access resources that share experiences of racism and how to speak out about it. The National Literacy Trust has collated a range of age-appropriate resources to help. The resources can be found using the link https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/zone-in/anti-racism-resources/. Within the Family Zone area there are resources with links to interesting articles, TED Talks, family activities, literature and access to book extracts and audio content on the lovereading4kids website https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/. The National Literacy Trust has also curated age-appropriate book lists for children and young people to share their stories and promote BAME voices https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/black-lives-matter-book-lists-ages-0-16/. The links and information will also be shared with students through FireFly.

I hope you and your family are continuing to stay safe and well.

Best wishes,

Jim Roberts, Head teacher



















