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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all having to adjust quickly to this new normality, but the students already appear to be getting into a routine with their work. The online timetable has been created to keep a structure to the day. Students should try and complete all of the work that their teacher has set, in the time given for that lesson. However, if they can't complete it all – please don't worry! We only ask that they try. If students don't understand something, please make sure they contact their teacher through FireFly so we can try and support. Remember the timetable also reinforces the need for regular breaks and exercise. I can recommend the Joe Wicks daily PE session (streamed live on uTube). It has certainly helped me get my family up and active!

Staff have been really pleased with the level of engagement and quality of the work the students are doing. To celebrate and share some of this work, each faculty will be showcasing student online achievement through a Faculty *Parklife* edition. The English Faculty *Parklife* has been sent out separately and can be viewed using this link;

http://hovepark.msnd1.com/show_campaign/d8d4c7cd-4156-4cd1-920e-e50bea0bf342/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000/

It is really important we stay connected as a community. We are regularly updating our website pages and social media feeds with additional support materials and wellbeing information being posted <http://www.hovepark.brighton-hove.sch.uk/covid-19> Later this week we are also hoping to get further clarity from Ofqual regarding the process through which students in year 11, 12 and 13 will be awarded their grades for GCSE and A level examination courses. This has been a difficult time for all of them. We have been clear that we will not allow the current situation to disadvantage them, in terms of accessing their next educational steps.

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Such is the level of commitment and dedication of the staff at Hove Park, we will remain open over the Easter holidays, including the 2 bank holidays, to ensure key workers can continue to provide vital services to our community.

In times of difficulty and challenge it is always good to share acts of kindness that exemplify what an incredible community we have.

Thank You

A huge thank you to our science team! Last week they got together 80 pairs of unused medical goggles, a few boxes of latex gloves and some aprons which they took to the Royal Sussex Hospital! The amazing staff there were very grateful for our donation. The comments that have been posted on our Facebook account are really lovely.

Last week we also contacted Sussex Homeless Support to donate 50 sandwiches and boxes of fruit and crisps for the homeless of Brighton and Hove. Jim Dearn, who leads Sussex Homeless Support, came to our Nevill Campus and collected the food donations that our catering contractors Caterlink had prepared. The donated food was heading straight out to the Clock Tower in Brighton, where the homeless gather to receive food and essential supplies.

It will be a very different Easter Holiday this year. Ms Prentice has put together some resources and information that are also attached, to help structure and support families over the break. Finally, to all those families that are at home either self-isolating / looking after family members / or who are ill themselves, we are all thinking of you.

Best wishes,

Jim Roberts, Head Teacher

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