



SEAHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Engaging minds, broadening horizons

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Dear Parent

I regret to inform you that following yesterday's Government announcement I have had to close the school building to almost all students until we are given permission to re-open. At the time of writing I am not in a position to provide a date for re-opening and would ask you to regularly monitor news broadcasts, view our website, your own emails and text messages for news as to when the school is able to re-open.

We have put plans in place to provide the best possible form of education for your children in these challenging circumstances, which will be on-line in nature. Fortunately, we were already prepared for live lessons and these should have begun today but there could still be some teething problems. Whilst some of our staff have become adept at doing live lessons due to isolation periods there are also others who have never used this technology and will be new to delivering lessons in this way. Although, on-line lessons are not as good as face to face teaching, I passionately believe what we will be providing is a far better provision than the last full lockdown and better than many other schools.

As these lessons will be taught at the following times it is essential that your child is up, ready for learning and engages.

Year 7				Year 8 & Year 10				Year 9 & 11		
Personal Development	8.45	9.05		Personal Development	8.45	9.05		Personal Development	8.45	9.05
Lesson 1	9.15	10.05		Lesson 1	9.15	10.05		Lesson 1	9.15	10.05
Break	10.10	10.30		Break	10.10	10.30		Lesson 2	10.15	11.10
Lesson 2	10.30	11.25		Lesson 2	10.30	11.25		Break	11.10	11.30
Lesson 3	11.35	12.25		Lesson 3	11.35	12.25		Lesson 3	11.35	12.25
Lesson 4 (SPLIT)	12.35	1.00		Lunch	12.30	1.00		Lesson 4	12.35	1.25
Lunch	1.00	1.30		Lesson 4	1.00	1.55		Lunch	1.30	2.00
Lesson 4 (SPLIT)	1.30	1.55		Lesson 5	2.05	3.00		Lesson 5	2.00	3.00
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This routine will support with sleep patterns, mental health and well-being. You, no doubt will be as concerned as I am about the amount of educational time your child has lost. Engaging in these lessons is essential- we had fantastic take up last year by students but as in other schools, there were some students who failed to engage. This is a superb opportunity to keep your children engaged and learning. Please be reassured that school is not closed and it is only the building that isn't available to students.

Please follow the guidance emails from staff as to how to access this work. If your child does not have access to a computer or the internet, please make us aware and we will endeavour to put in place an



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alternative. We have already been working with students to identify those individuals where this could be an issue and have loaned out a large number of devices.

Please be aware that should staff be affected by illness then it may not be possible to deliver live lessons in those circumstances. We will, however try to ensure work is set on Google classroom for your child to complete. Can I ask that you inform your child's Achievement Leader via email if your child becomes ill or any change in circumstances that we need to be aware of?

Parents of Year 11 no doubt will be concerned about GCSE outcomes-information regarding exams is very limited currently. **I will supply more details about Y11 exams just to Y11 parents and students as and when I get them.**

With regard to students entitled to free school Meals- at the moment our Caterers are providing food parcels. Please contact the school either by ringing the main office or emailing fsm@seahamhighschool.com to order your parcel and arrange a time for you to collect it. If and when the Government re-introduces the voucher scheme we will let you know.

Our "Keeping Connected" weekly newsletter will begin again soon with activities and information to support children and families during this difficult time. In addition to this, we will be completing regular welfare checks. Staff have been asked to log names of any students not engaging in live lessons or submitting work and these will be followed up.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year (although it certainly doesn't feel like one at the moment)? Also can I encourage you to follow Government guidance and most importantly of all stay safe during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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