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Dear Parent/Carer

Strangely, today marks the start of the Summer Term: normally this half-term is usually the busiest of them all as key year groups would sit their examinations and formally leave us to go on to new things. Obviously, things will not quite be the same this year.

I want to pay tribute to the staff of Hawarden High School, who over the Easter period, have been preparing resources to support home learning, providing childcare and manufacturing and distributing PPE to those agencies that need it. I also want to thank the many parents and friends of Hawarden High School who have been in touch to offer support through words of encouragement and to organise the distribution of goggles and face masks.

Home Learning
This week sees the recommencement of work being set by teachers for children to complete at home. The main distribution method of this work is via your child's email address. There is a multitude of platforms and technologies that teachers may use to help educate your child but all advice and guidance will come directly from them via email. If there are problems accessing the school accounts or if you need help with anything technical then please email our ICT Support Team: ICTSupport@hawardenhigh.flintshire.sch.uk. If you have any other problems or queries, please ring the school office on 01244 526400 or email them via: hhmail@hawardenhigh.flintshire.sch.uk. We will do our best to respond as quickly as we can.

BBC Daily Lessons
You may be aware that the BBC have today launched a new platform as part of the Bitesize website called 'Daily Lessons'. These are age specific resources which have been created following the input of teachers from across the home nations and look to be a valuable set of videos and activities which can be used to supplement normal school work. They can be accessed via: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons.

Work for Year 11
Our teachers have been busy creating bridging work for Year 11 students to access, in support of their application to Sixth Form. Whilst students are not now required to complete work for their GCSEs, they should look to be completing some work which will help them with Advanced Level study. Students will be emailed directly in the next day or so with details about how to join the Google Classroom platform that has been created specifically for them.

Work for Sixth Form Students
Year 12 students will be receiving work via their class teachers as per the rest of the school. However, Year 13 students will not now be completing any formal study. It is important, however, that for those students intending to continue study at a higher level, they do not lose the impetus they will have had through completing school work right up until their examinations. I therefore recommend the Gresham College Lectures which have been produced specifically for Sixth Form students to watch and enjoy. These exist for a majority of subjects and are accessible via their website: https://www.gresham.ac.uk/schools

GCSE and A Level Results Days
We have received confirmation from Welsh Government that results days for GCSE and A Level will take place as originally planned: 13 August 2020 for A Level, and 20 August 2020 for GCSE.

I will also take the opportunity to re-iterate the message of my previous whole school letter: please don't allow the completion of school work to add additional stress to you and your child(ren) at what is already a difficult time. Feel free to select what work you feel is important to complete – don't get bogged down with it all and continue to put the health and wellbeing of the family first, not just on what school work has or hasn't been completed.

With very best wishes from us all at Hawarden High School.

Yours sincerely

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