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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you and your families are managing to stay safe.

Please find our weekly updates below.

In-school provision for Year 10 & Year 12

We have continued to see positive attendance from our Year 10 and Year 12 students in school. It was particularly pleasing to note that in a student survey we sent out, almost all of our students found the provision *extremely* useful in supporting their remote learning. The plan below gives you an overview of the provision for the last few weeks of this term.

Week beginning	Vulnerable students and essential workers' children	Year 10 8.45 - 12.30pm	Year 12 1.30 - 3.00pm
29 June 2020	?	M T W T F	Block Q, a House a day
6 July 2020	?	M T W T F	Block R, a House a day
13 July 2020	?	NOT IN SCHOOL	Block S, a House a day

Remote Learning/Catch-Up

Year 10 MFL and Option Subjects – Remote tutorial sessions.

The English, Mathematics and Science lessons have proved very successful over the last few weeks. During the week commencing 13 July, we are organising for students to have a remote tutorial session for MfL and options subjects this will take place via TEAMS. The session will be timetabled on one of the current subject periods on the students' timetable. The lessons will be scheduled via TEAMS and students will be emailed how to access the tutorial sessions. The session will be recorded and saved in TEAMS for any absent student to view at a later date. The aims of the sessions are to:

- Provide details of work to complete before returning to school to put students in the best position for starting in September.
- Review some of the key concepts of the remote learning and provide feedback on remote learning tasks.
- Give students and opportunity to ask their subject teachers questions.

Reporting

As we have little new informative data related to student progress and effort we will not be producing an end of term report for KS3 and Year 10 students. However, we have structured the school calendar in 2020/21 in such a way that parents' evenings that were cancelled in the summer term (current Years 7/8) will take place in the autumn term. Parents' evening will be dependent on meeting the guidance set out by the DfE. There will also be a SIMS generated report assessing effort and progress in the first term for all students. Current Year 10 students will receive three assessment reports throughout 2020/21 and a parents' evening. Form tutors will continue to contact parents and students over the next few weeks.

Covid catch up plan

The government announced a £1billion catch up plan to address the disruption to children's education during the Covid-19 pandemic on 19 June:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/billion-pound-covid-catch-up-plan-to-tackle-impact-of-lost-teaching-time>

It has been widely reported that this will provide schools with up to £90 for each pupil to fund catch up activities and additional money to deliver one to one tuition for Disadvantaged pupils. The government has not yet published the guidance for schools on delivering this plan, or the amount of money which each school will receive. Parents/carers should not expect that £90 will be allocated to their child, or that they will definitely receive one to one tuition using this funding or through the National Tutoring Programme, which was also included in last week's announcement. The additional funding is to be spent across the next school year (September 2020 to July 2021) and we will develop our plans to use it when the government guidance has been published.

It has also been widely reported Schools could use catch up funding to run Summer Schools. In the absence of detailed information this would be very difficult to manage and there is little evidence of pupils catching up as a result of Summer Schools.

Finally, the only certainty about any of the money promised, is that £14,000 has been **CUT** from our budgets, as the Year 7 catch-up funding has been axed.

Year 6/7 Transition

We will be writing to parents of students who will be starting with us in Year 7 in September. We will be confirming arrangements for the first week back – this is likely to see the Year 7 students in school on Tuesday 8 September for the FULL day before the whole school returns on Wednesday 9 September.

Year 11 Careers Information

Askham Bryan College are hosting an applicant event between Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th July. The event is for any student who is planning to attend Askham Bryan from September or who may be considering attending in the future. It will give students a feel for their course and the environment where they will be studying.

The event will take place on Zoom and no booking is necessary. Instead, students (and parents/carers) can find the required links at <https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/whats-on/virtual-open-event-1>

Askham Bryan would recommend that students visit their 'Find out More' page where they can find course guides, course and support overview presentations, and some virtual tour footage: <https://www.askham-bryan.ac.uk/students/apply-now/find-out-more>

The Army Foundation College in Harrogate is putting on a virtual tour of their facilities for anybody (especially those in Years 9, 10 and 11) who may be interested in joining the Army at 16 as a Junior Soldier. You can find out more and register using the following link: <https://apply.army.mod.uk/how-to-join/entryoptions/soldier-junior-entry/afc-harrogate>

If you have any further questions, contact the Army Recruitment Office in York on 01904 623653 or rg-accyorkgroupmail@mod.gov.uk

Essential Worker Provision

Please note that we only have a limited number of places left for children who may wish to access this provision in the final few weeks of term.

If you would like your child to come into school, please email Matt Smith, Deputy Headteacher (m.smith@huntington-ed.org.uk) with your specific requests and essential worker status. **Once all places are taken up, we will not be able to accept any further students.**

Please also note the latest statement from the Government which indicates that schools will be closed to **all** students over the summer break.

And finally....

We're here if you need us

Our pastoral team are contactable throughout the school closure, should you need advice/support. **If you or your family have been personally affected by Covid-19, we would also ask that you contact us so that we are aware and can provide support if needed.**

We intend to call all of our families before the end of this academic year and check-in on the wellbeing of all of our students – if we are unable to contact you, we may leave a voicemail, so please do check and get in touch with us if we can help in whatever way.

Should you need to contact us, our details can be found below:

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As you will be aware, the Government is set to release guidelines for September reopening later this week. Once we have interrogated this information and planned for the context of our school, we will be writing to parents to confirm September arrangements. We aim for this to be before the end of term, Friday 17 July. That said, final confirmation from government is due on 11 August 2020, and, as you can see from what is happening in Leicester, nothing is certain in this uncertain world.

I do just want to reassure parents that I feel very confident that we can provide a great education for your children next academic year. I have been utterly heartened by the way Year 10 and Year 12 students have returned to school these past few weeks – full of positivity and sparkle!

We must choose to look forward with hope – as Julian of Norwich wrote, “All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well.”

With best wishes



John Tomsett
 Headteacher