



HUNTINGTON SCHOOL

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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.

Year 10 & Year 12 – wider reopening plans

Further to my detailed correspondence earlier this week with regards to Year 10 & Year 12 and the wider reopening of the school, please find a summary of the timeline for their transition back into school:

Week beginning	Vulnerable students and essential workers' children	Year 10 8.45 - 12.30pm					Year 12 1.30 - 3.00pm
1 June 2020	✓	O					O
8 June 2020	✓	O					O
15 June 2020	✓	M	T	W	T	F	O
22 June 2020	✓	M	T	W	T	F	Block P, a House a day
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	✓	O					Block S, a House a day

- Please be reminded that Year 10 students should be in full school uniform, with the exception of their House tie.
- Stationery will be provided for all Year 10 students.
- Students should bring in a bottle of water as the water fountains will not be available in school.
- If possible, students should either walk, cycle or be driven by car to school. There *will be* a bus service in operation (H1 – H7) but if it is possible for you to not travel by bus, we would ask that you do this.

I will be writing to the parents of Year 11 & Year 13 students in due course to confirm examination results day arrangements.

Year 7 & Year 8 Parents' Evenings

For parents of students in Year 7 & Year 8, you will be aware that we were forced to cancel the Year 7/8 parents' evenings that were due to take place in March and April respectively. At present, it is still not practical for these evenings to take place. However, we have looked at the school calendar for next year and have moved the Year 8 & Year 9 parents' evening slots to the Autumn term as we feel these events are a priority in terms of our home-school communications.

Remote Learning

Further guidance has been added to the school website to support students and parents navigating Microsoft Teams. The document includes information about how students can access feedback from their teachers, how to organise their remote learning and how to access assignments.

<https://huntingtonschool.co.uk/students/student-online-learning/>

Year 6 Transition

For our parents who may have a Year 6 child due to start Huntington this September, we hope that you have enjoyed watching the video of Mrs Naish, Mr Smith and me. We will be writing to you next week to inform you which House your child will be in and who their form tutor will be. We will also be making a further *House* video so that your child can meet (remotely) his or her pastoral team. We are also hoping to send out some weekly challenges for the Year 6 children to engage in over the next few weeks to help support their transition.

The importance of reading

Reading remains a fundamental skill for our students as it underpins their engagement with learning in all subjects. The work they are accessing through Teams requires the reading of instructions, questions and informational text. Supporting and engaging with pupils' reading at all ages is therefore a powerful activity that has benefits for learning, even more so given the current situation that is limiting the discussions and questions that would naturally arise in the classroom.

But engaging with reading does not mean students having to tackle novels with hundreds of pages (though they are of course welcome to do this); it can be about graphic novels or game reviews on websites. Furthermore, supporting children with their reading can be asking questions about anything they might have read that day. We have provided a handy document with ideas about how you might do this, as well as links to free online reading students might enjoy.

- 1** Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)  Books are wonderful—but leaflets, comics, recipes, reviews and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Being in control of what they read is great motivation.
- 2** Ask your child lots of questions  Talk about what children have read using 'Wh' questions such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? *'Why is a character reacting in a certain way?'* *'Where did this event happen?'*
- 3** Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read  If it is a book, look at the front cover and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the titles of reviews, or in the images that go alongside text.
- 4** Ask your child to summarise what they have read  After finishing reading, talk about what happened. Think about how the characters behaved in a fiction text, or the most important messages in an article they might have read.
- 5** Ask your child to write about what they have read  Write about anything they've read. Children can outline the main points, write their own version of what they have read, or just explain whether they enjoyed what they read or not.

Free online reading resources (some sites may require registration but this is free to do)

Fiction

<https://openlibrary.org/>

<https://www.gutenberg.org/>

<http://www.free-short-stories.org.uk/>

Audiobooks

<http://www.loyalbooks.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/category/audiobooks?sort=popular>

<https://stories.audible.com/discovery>

Online newspapers

<https://theday.co.uk/>

<https://www.thestudentview.org/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Information for Year 11s who have applied to Huntington Sixth Form

Mr Hardwell will write to all students next week with information on how, once students have their GCSE grades, they can then register and confirm their sixth form course choices.

[Bridging work for applicants](#) is available on the website. Students should continue to complete it and are welcome to contact subject leaders to discuss the course and the work they have undertaken.

Information from York College

We would like to draw Y11 students' attention to the fact that [Year 11 Applicant Transition Work for all FE courses at York College](#) is now available on our website. York College have also asked us to let our students know that they are still accepting applications for this September.

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.

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

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Thank you for your ongoing support during this unprecedented time.

With best wishes



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