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Dear Parents and Carers,

IMPORTANT UPDATE AND ACTION REQUIRED

Following the Governments decision to introduce a national lockdown, we have put in place a provision for children of Key Workers and vulnerable students to access in school.

The government have updated their vulnerability criteria to include:

- those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)

We would therefore like to offer your child a place at our in school Key Worker and vulnerable provision if they are struggling to engage with remote learning at home. Alternatively you might be eligible for our device loan scheme. We have supported our families by loaning more than 150 brand new laptops so far. Please remember students can access our remote learning site via mobile phone, tablet, computer, laptop, smart TV or games console. Paper work packs are now a thing of the past! Please contact us via school reception 01274 776200 or by email studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk for more information about our device loan scheme.

In order for us to update our systems accurately, we are asking all parents and carers to complete a short survey by 6.00pm Sunday 10th January 2021 (please click the link at the end of this letter to complete the survey).

Key Worker & Vulnerable Provision

Our in school provision begins at 8:30am each day and finish at 2:50pm. Students can access breakfast from 8.15am and should enter school through main reception. Students remain in their Key Stage bubbles and have access to a broad and balanced curriculum within the provision (see timetable below). Students should attend in full school uniform including school shoes, they should also bring their planner, face covering and their lanyard each day. Please note Year 7 to 11 students are required to bring their PE Kit Monday and Wednesday each week.

Key Stage 3 (Year 7 and 8)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English Maths PE	Science Drama/Music Technology	English Maths PE	Art French/Spanish PSE/RE	Science History/Geography ICT
Key Stage 4 (Year 9, 10 and 11)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science Option Subjects PE	English Option Subjects Maths	Science Option Subjects PE	Maths PSE/RE English	English Maths Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stage 5 students follow their normal timetable • Our hearing impaired and visually impaired students continue to access a combination of mainstream and resource provision lessons. • Our Outreach provision continues at our off site centre 				

If you would like a place in our in school Key Worker or Vulnerable student provision please inform us via school reception 01274 776200 or by email studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk

Remote Learning

We thank you for your continued support and patience this week. As you may be aware a number of schools closed on Tuesday following the Government's announcement to enable them to plan. However we remained open and our staff have worked tirelessly this week to improve our remote learning offer. Our site was not good enough and the start of the week, but has now significantly improved and is better organised to support students. The resources now include

voiceovers, videos, the use of visualisers, links and clearer instructions for tasks to be completed. As you will appreciate it was a lot to organise in a short space of time and it will continue to evolve and improve as we get used to this new way of working. If you have any issues, concerns or require technical support please contact us by email studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk to allow us to the opportunity rectify the situation. We would also like to thank you for the number of positive messages and support that we have received.

Submission of work

Teachers are expected to acknowledge work received and feedback at least once a week. This interaction is important to support students progress and address any misconceptions. Students should submit work directly via teacher email, upload to one drive or photograph their work and email (if they are working on paper). Students also have the opportunity to submit via SMHW, GCSEPod or Hegarty Maths or return work to school clearly marked with their name, form, subject and class teacher.

We ask all students to follow their normal timetable and complete the work set via our remote learning site. Students simply log on, go to their Year group, the subject, half term 3, the week and the lesson. Some Teachers have also labelled folders specifically for their classes and some are generic for the subject. Teachers are also following their normal timetable (when not supporting the in school lessons) and can be contactable via their school email and/or SMHW for support. A full list of Teacher emails and subjects will be uploaded to the remote learning site by Monday.

Next steps - We are working hard behind the scenes to develop live lessons and more information will follow later next week regarding the future use of Microsoft Teams.

Examinations

Year 12 vocational examinations are going ahead as planned this week and next, despite conflicting press communications. All applicable students have been contacted by their Teacher to confirm the timing of the examinations and any face to face revision lessons on offer.

Despite changes to the Summer examinations it is crucial that examination groups in Year 11, 12 and 13 continue learning (via our remote learning site), as we are certain they will still be assessed in some manner to inform the teacher and centre assessed grades. We will keep you updated, but await more details from the Government and Ofqual.

Free School Meal Vouchers

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, you should have now received £15.00 supermarket voucher by text or email w/c 04.01.21 and you will receive your next voucher on Monday for w/c 11.01.21. This was sent to the priority 1 telephone number/email stored in our sims database. If you need to update us with a new phone number/email address or would like to request that your voucher is printed and posted please contact us via school reception 01274 776200 or by email studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk

It has been a busy but brilliant week, despite the snow and number of Government changes I would like to thank you as parents and carers for supporting your children with work, the students for embracing new challenges and continuing learning and the staff for working really hard under new conditions. We have seen high levels of engagement and plan to resume weekly praise texts and celebrations via our twitter and facebook sites to recognise student's positive contributions. Our pastoral and Tutor Teams will also be making regular wellbeing phone calls home and can address any questions or issues arising.

Please remember to complete and submit our survey regarding Key Worker, Vulnerable students and remote learning by 6.00pm Sunday 10th January to inform our planning and update our systems by clicking the following link. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZ_armdol-UwIcHaC9To6cf3X0QEL8wB7C3KiIWHoULRGUDw/viewform

Yours sincerely



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