

February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term update - February 2021

I hope you are well and enjoyed the half term break. We were pleased to welcome our Key Worker and Vulnerable students back into school today Monday 22nd February 2021. I appreciate that we await an update from the Prime Minister, but we are optimistic about a return to school in March for all our students.

I am writing to update you with regards our half term 3 achievements and our current plans for half term 4 (HT4).

Half Term 3

Despite the lockdown restrictions we are really proud of the following achievements.

- Ensured regular contact with all students
- Made over 130 home visits
- Issued over 3,500 FSM supermarket vouchers
- Delivered 50 family food hampers to our most vulnerable students for half term
- Served over 6,000 meals in school
- Conducted over 650 Lateral Flow Tests in school
- Maintained a safe working environment for all our staff and students
- Provided high quality in-school provision for up to 200 students a day
- Launched and resourced our own remote learning platform
- Developed an ambitious remote learning curriculum offer
- Delivered over 2,000 live lessons to Year 11, 12, 13 and our Resource Provision students
- Loaned over 250 devices (another 100 to loan out HT4)
- Celebrated student success with regular praise texts, social media posts, vouchers and awards

Half Term 4

Our new computer server was installed over half term and we are now confident that we can move to live learning for all students. We are taking a blended remote learning approach – providing a combination of live interactions and remote education, through the use of Microsoft Teams and our fully resourced remote learning site.

Year 11, 12 and 13 Live continues. Feedback from students and parents has been fantastic. We are launching Year 7 to 10 live tutor time 8.30-8.45am this week and live learning week commencing 01.03.21. This allows us to resolve any technical, Teams or device issues this week. By Monday 1st March 2021 all students will have access to our '**Blended Remote Learning**' package.

Year	Date	Activity
Year 12/13	From Monday 22 nd February 2021 From Thursday 25 th February 2021	Live lessons continue as timetabled Live Tutor Time (8.30-8.45am daily)
Year 11	From Monday 22 nd February 2021	Live Tutor Time (11.00-11.15am daily) Options Lessons (Mon-Wed as timetabled) Core Lessons (Thurs-Fri as timetabled)
Year 10	From Tuesday 23 rd February 2021 From Monday 1 st March 2021	Live Tutor Time (8.30-8.45am) Live learning (Mon-Fri as timetabled)
Year 9	From Wednesday 24 th February 2021 From Monday 1 st March 2021	Live Tutor Time (8.30-8.45am) Live learning (Mon-Fri as timetabled)
Year 8	From Thursday 25 th February 2021 From Monday 1 st March 2021	Live Tutor Time (8.30-8.45am) Live learning (Mon-Fri as timetabled)
Year 7	From Friday 26 th February 2021 From Monday 1 st March 2021	Live Tutor Time (8.30-8.45am) Live learning (Mon-Fri as timetabled)
More information will follow direct to students via their school email		

Following the national school closures or periods of self isolation, Hanson will endeavour to support and facilitate your child's continued learning. From Monday 1st March 2021:

- All students will be taught by their class teacher who will deliver a live learning opportunity at least once a week, where teachers are available for advice and support via audio and live chat response
- All students will follow their normal timetabled lessons
- All lessons are linked to the planned in school curriculum students are studying this half term
- All students should access 5 hours of our blended remote learning package each day, using a combination of our remote learning site and Microsoft Teams
- Students are expected to complete classwork and assessments and return their work to their teachers via Teams or email

On our school website you will find links to each year group. These feature both our online learning platform and downloadable resources for your child. Hard copies of work can be collected or requested from school.

Please note we will continue to communicate with our parents and carers through MyEd, the school website and social media (twitter and Facebook) throughout the national closure. If you have any questions or would like more information about our device loan scheme you can still contact school via reception or email studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk

Key Worker and Vulnerable in school provision

From Monday 1st March all Key Worker and Vulnerable students attending our in-school provision will follow their normal timetable. Students will be issued with a copy of their timetable later this week and will be expected to attend school in full school uniform and bring their PE kit on their timetabled days. We will continue to serve breakfast from 8.15am daily.

Further updates

- Eligible families will continue to receive free school meal vouchers through Wonde during term time until further notice.
- Clarification about the 8 March 2021 arrangements will be provided by the Government week commencing 22 February 2021. We understand schools and families will receive at least two weeks' notice of changes to school arrangements to make preparations. We will update you as soon as we have any further information on new Government guidance.

Thank you to you all for your continued support. It is hugely appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Richard Woods
Headteacher