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Dear Parents / Carers

Once again can I thank you for all your support over the last few days. As you will appreciate the virtual closure of the school for an indefinite period is something (fortunately) we have never had to experience. The end of last week was emotional for the students, particularly Year 11 and 13, as well as the staff and families and at school we continue to work hard to provide support and education for all our students during this time. We will aim to update you as and when we can but please contact us with any concerns or questions via our usual email address: headteacher@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

or using the contact page on the website. We will endeavour to respond as promptly as possible but please bear with us. Alternatively, our Facebook account, Cheslyn Hay Academy at <https://www.facebook.com/CheslynHayAcademy/> can be used to contact us. Please note we do not monitor or respond to other 'unofficial' social media accounts.

We would ask if your child is ill please let us know and inform us if the illness is related to Coved-19 using the email: info@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk We will be monitoring students use of Google classroom so it would help us to know if they are unable to access due to illness or family issues.

The Student and Parent website is updated frequently and we hope to add additional pages in the coming week, looking at the emotional and physical well being of students. As you know the education and support of the whole child is our prime purpose and is one of our key values, therefore we will be launching new House Competitions and challenges, in the coming weeks. We have set up Form Tutor Classrooms alongside the subject ones so students have contact with their tutors and Heads of House.

Remote Learning for students at home

It is vital that students' learning continues while they are at home. Staff have been working exceptionally hard to ensure continuity in learning through Google Classrooms. Where students have access to their own device, students are expected to join their lessons through Google Classrooms at the usual time their lessons take place. We have set up a page on our website for students and parents that gives further advice and guidance, this can be accessed from the home page of the school website.

To access the online learning students must log-in using their school email account and if they require support, to be added to a class etc they must send their school email address and use the Remote Learning Technical Support Request section on the website.



Year 11 and Year 13 Students

As we are yet to receive definitive guidance from the DfE as to how grades will be awarded we feel we must advise that you should also continue to work and your current work may influence the grades you will be awarded in July. Students will also have the option to sit exams in the Autumn if they wish to and may be studying the subjects next year in the Sixth Form or University.

Key Workers

For the time being, school remains open only to those children of critical Key Workers and some specific other students. The latest Government advice should, however, be carefully considered. For the safety of everyone, if students are at all able to stay at home, they should do.

FSM

We are yet to receive further guidance about the Government voucher scheme to those receiving free school meals. As and when we do, this will be made available to those who qualify. In the meantime, grab-bag lunches are available each weekday between 12 noon and 1.15pm for FSM students.

Wishing you all continued good health

Yours sincerely



N Crookshank
Headteacher