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Dear Year 12 Students and Parents and Carers,

## **Year 12 Summer Term Update**

We have been both impressed and moved by the efforts of so many of our Year 12 students in these unique times. We are aware that many of our families will have been personally affected by this pandemic and our thoughts and wishes go out to you all. We wanted to take this opportunity to contact you to summarise the current position with regards to Year 12 students specifically, and the ways in which you and your son/daughter can contact the school if you or they need to.

With regard to 6<sup>th</sup> Form teaching and learning, the school acted fast to put in place a process whereby Year 12 students were able to continue with their studies so as to minimise any academic impact. We should also remember that every single Year 12 student in the country is facing the same challenge and for that reason, our students are hopefully aware that they are not at a disadvantage to other students at other schools.

## **General concerns or enquiries from students**

Although school has gone 'online' for the time being, you are very much still our students and we are here for you if you have any concerns or enquiries. We have set up a new email address for you to use to contact the 6th Form Team if you need to and we will try to get back to you as soon as possible. The email address is [Y12@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:Y12@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk).

## **Lessons and online learning**

As you are hopefully already aware, since school closure Year 12 teachers in all subjects have been setting pre-reading, research tasks and other activities for their classes via Show My Homework and/or Google Classroom for every single lesson. This amounts to 6 lessons per subject per week. In most cases, there will be two teachers setting work according to the student's timetable. These tasks are to be performed independently using the resources that have been made available to the students. **We would like to emphasise that this work represents a compulsory part of their A-level courses and is not optional.** Students' work in many cases should be uploaded for teachers to check and give online feedback. Usually teachers will allow one working week for work to be submitted. The response from students has generally been highly impressive. However, there are a few cases where students have not been submitting work. We would ask for your support in encouraging your son/daughter to complete the work set each day so that they do not fall behind. If you or your son/daughter have difficulty accessing any of the online learning platforms such as Show My Homework or Google Classroom, please contact us using [homework@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:homework@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk). This address can also be used if your son/daughter is struggling to complete the work that has been set for them.

If your son/daughter is too unwell to complete their online learning, please let us know using the email address [attendance@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk). We will then ensure that students' teachers are informed.



## **UCAS Prediction Exams - Currently in the Calendar for 22-26 June 2020**

Although the dates may change, we are still working on the assumption that these will take place in school before the end of the term. As such, we can only emphasise the importance that all students continue to work to the best of their ability on the work set by their teachers and that they prepare for any exams by revising and going over what they have been taught this year. We will write to you again when we have more definite information regarding when, or if, schools will reopen and therefore when these exams will be scheduled. Please rest assured we would always give students sufficient notice of the dates of any exams.

## **Higher Education and Apprenticeships Research**

The 6th Form Team will be providing guidance on this through the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Message Board and the 6<sup>th</sup> Form areas on G Suite and we urge all students to allocate time to researching what they might want to do when they finish their A-levels, whether it be a university degree, further education or an apprenticeship. The UCAS personal statement is an important document that every student needs to prepare as part of the university application process. Given the internal deadline for all students to have sent off their UCAS application is October half term, we highly recommend students produce a first draft of their statement before the summer holidays.

## **Work Experience – Currently in the Calendar for 29 June to 03 July 2020**

We are pleased to let you know that work experience will still be going ahead for Year 12 students, although students that are given placements through the school may find that their placement changes to a “virtual placement”. Details on how this work will be provided in due course. For those students that have successfully arranged their own placements, we would suggest that contact is made with the employer to confirm their latest situation. If the employer confirms that they have been forced to cancel, please email our Work Experience Coordinator, Varsha Doshi, at [doshi.varsha@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:doshi.varsha@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk) who will try to ensure the student is able to participate in the “virtual work experience” being offered. In such cases, it might be possible to move the original placement into the summer holidays.

Under normal circumstances, the summer term would also include a number of other events and programmes that are provided for Year 12 students. We are not yet able to confirm these will still take place but will keep you updated as further information becomes available.

If you would like to contact the school with any other general parental concerns or enquiries, or if you wish to notify us of anything relevant to your son/daughter, please use the email address [admin@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@nowerhill.harrow.sch.uk). You may also request a telephone call from me using this email address. It is always helpful if you are able to state your son/daughter's name and form clearly, to enable us to direct your message to the correct people as quickly as possible. Parents of students with SEN may also use this email address to request a telephone call from the Inclusion Team.

On behalf of all the staff at Nower Hill High School, we wish you all the best at this exceptional time and thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Colin Carter  
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