28th May 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer and Year 12 Eastbrook students

Firstly, as always, I hope this finds you and those closest to you healthy and well. I know how difficult recent months have been for everyone and I sincerely hope you are all managing to cope with the challenges and remain positive.

Student wellbeing
As well as staying physically active, it is very important that students pay close attention to their mental wellbeing. If students do feel as though they would benefit from additional support, I would ask them to raise the matter with their tutor during their conversations and the tutor will then alert our safeguarding team who will do what they can to help. There are also some resources that we have put on the website that might also be helpful in this regard. Please follow the link below.

https://www.eastbrookschool.org/secondary/news/mental-health-awareness-week/

Returning to School
I have received a number of queries regarding the school reopening. You will have seen through recent press releases that there is an ambition to provide some 'face to face' contact with Year 10 and 12 students to supplement their home learning.

From the week beginning the 15th of June we are aiming to provide in school sessions for a limited number of students from these two year groups. If you would like to be part of this it is **essential** that you let us know ASAP by emailing the **Name and Year Group** of your child to office@eastbrookschool.org . Please title the email **'Request to take part in in school sessions'**. Note that places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

On one day each week we will also be providing an **'Internet Café'** facility for students to study on site at individual work stations with school laptops. The idea is that students will have a quiet space where they can concentrate fully and access the internet to support their on line learning. Please notify us as above, but with the email title **'Internet Café'** if you would like to use this facility, but note that priority for using this facility will go to those who we were unable to accommodate in the 'in school' sessions.

I want to take this opportunity to reassure all parents of Year 12 that staff and student safety is our number one priority and that social distancing and sensible hygiene routines will apply throughout.

Once student names and numbers are finalised I will be in contact with more details around procedures and times of the day.

Remote Learning
As a result of the extended closure, one of the biggest concerns I have, alongside the health and wellbeing of our school community, is the loss of learning time for our students and the potential impact that this will have on their education, exam results and life chances. It is essential that we all work together to minimise the gaps in learning that will start to appear if our students don't continue to work as hard as they possibly can, whether that is in school or at home.

As such, alongside what I have outlined regarding in school opportunities, I also want to go through our expectations of Year 12 students for the next half term with regard to Home Learning.

1. I would like every student to log into Show My Homework at least once every day during the week to ensure they are up to date with work that has been set for them, along with any feedback their teachers have issued to them.

2. I would like every student to complete a minimum of **3 hours of work each day**. There is a suggested schedule for each year group below and on the website. Although times are flexible, it is an expectation that by the end of the week, all of the work has been completed. For Year 12 this means a minimum of one hour every day for each subject you study.

3. Students and parents should be aware that every teacher will report on the work they have received from their students every fortnight. Note that this will form the basis of the tutor's conversation with the student and their parents each fortnight so it is very important that students complete all of their work to the best of their ability.

4. I have asked all tutors to arrange **online tutor group meetings** each week. I hope that this will be a positive experience for everyone, and an opportunity for students to see and enjoy interacting with their tutor and classmates. Tutors will also be delivering elements of our Character Education curriculum. I would like all students to engage with these meetings if they have the necessary equipment to do so. They will be in touch.

5. **Subject Surgeries** – *Note that these will be trialled with Year 10 in the first instance but we are aiming to roll them out to Year 12 as soon as possible.* I have asked teachers to arrange Subject Surgeries for their Year 10 classes at least once per fortnight after half term. These will be an opportunity for students to consult with their teachers about aspects of their work they are finding difficult. Ideally, students should send questions to their teachers in advance via Show My Homework so that the time is used most effectively. These meetings will be conducted via Microsoft Teams and will be whole group or small group sessions. I would ask that all students who have access to the necessary technology take this opportunity. Those who do not have the equipment they need will be able to access them via the internet café in the near future.

I am sure that you can all understand why what I have outlined is so important. I cannot over emphasise how crucial it is that all of our Year 12 students remain engaged with their learning and go into next year as prepared as they possibly can.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and take care

Yours faithfully

Mr Frith

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Student Home Learning Schedule – From June 1st

From June 1st we expect every student to complete a minimum of 3 hours of home learning each day. It is essential that all students fulfil this expectation so that they are fully prepared for their return to school. **Year 11 and 13 students** should complete a substantial amount of private study which will prepare them for their next stage. If students intend to join the 6th form at Eastbrook, they should refer to the reading lists and assignments that have been provided.

Note: we haven't given specific times for studying. Students and parents should schedule times to fit with their circumstances. Similarly, the sessions can be moved around if preferred, but over the course of a week all sessions should be completed. **In addition, all students in Years 9 and 10 should allocate at least one additional hour each week to complete their work on Character Education and Unifrog**.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7				
English	Maths	English	Maths	Character Education & Unifrog
Science	Drama / Music	Science	Geography	History
Art	ECS	French or Spanish	Computing	DT
Year 8				
English	Maths	English	Maths	Character Education & Unifrog
Science	Drama / Music	Science	Geography	History
Art	ECS	French or Spanish	Computing	DT
Year 9 & 10				
English	Maths	English	Maths	English
Maths	Science	Option 2 / Option 3	Science	Science
Option 1 / Option 4	Option 2	Option 3	Option 1	Option 4
N.B. Year 9 & 10 options split: you should complete 1 ½ hours per week per option subject you follow e.g. Art, Business Studies, Computing, Drama, Food / Catering, Geography, History, iMedia IT, Media Studies, Music, Religious Studies, Examination PE, French, Spanish, Sociology, Photography.				
Year 12				
A minimum of one hour per day per subject				