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Dear Parents and Carers

Term 3 arrangements and COVID updates

Communication:

We will be returning to daily letters to parents/carers for the start of this term so that we can ensure any information required is both sent and received as swiftly as possible as we adapt to our new situation. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions about anything linked to our COVID-19 response arrangements, including online learning, or school life generally, please do not hesitate to contact the office during our normal working hours, or use the email address: Term3@seahavenacademy.org.uk for more general suggestions which we can then include in further communications with parents/carers.

Key communications:

- **The Continuity of Learning section of our website** for those learning at home is [here](#)
- **A letter explaining the Seahaven Academy approach** to online learning is [here](#)
- **An assembly presentation** which will answer many of the question's students may have about online learning was sent to students on Tuesday from Mr Honeybourne. Please remind your child/children to go through this

Continuity of Learning: getting started with working online from home:

Students have made an excellent start to their online learning today and it has been great to receive so much feedback and contact from students, and also to hear staff delivering 'live' lessons from various rooms around the school. If there are any concerns around access to websites or to Office 365, Teams etc., please contact the school office staff in the first instance who will then arrange for the problem to be resolved. Many issues can be resolved by looking through the Continuity of Learning section of the website (where you will also find links to Youtube videos explaining Teams). Most of the queries today have simply been from students having forgotten their login details, as we anticipated!

Laptop loan scheme

Thank you for completing our survey relating to provision needed for additional laptops. We should be receiving some new Chromebooks very shortly and hope to be able to loan these to most of those students who have said that they will need one. More details to follow.

Continuity of Learning: on-site provision for Critical Worker/ Vulnerable students

Students on site in the CWV groups have also made a good start to their online learning. Please remind students to bring the following for the day:



Principal Sarah Pringle

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- Full school uniform
- Usual school equipment: bag, pens, pencil case etc.
- Own snacks/ drinks/ packed lunch/ water bottle
- Headphones (not the iPhone type) if you have them

Attendance

It is absolutely essential that students respond to the email they will receive each morning from their tutor who will be checking that they have access to everything they need for the day. This is also our 'safe and well check' which we use to monitor contact with students. It would be very helpful if you could remind them to do this shortly after 8am each day, which will then replicate their tutor time registration first thing in the morning.

Testing:

You will be aware that schools had been asked to set up mass testing programmes for students returning to school in January. Whilst this is not going ahead for all students whilst the schools are largely closed, we will be offering weekly testing to staff and students who have places in the CWV groups on site. Staff tests have already been taking place this week and we hope to start student testing next week. **Students are not required to have a test to come into school**, but it can provide an additional level of confidence for those on site who would like it. Consent forms for parents/carers to sign will be sent home with students tomorrow.

Year 11 assessments:

You will have seen that there have been further announcements today about arrangements for exam year groups this summer. Clearly there is a great deal more to be decided as the government works with schools and colleges to find appropriate alternatives to exams. Work currently being completed by students at home is very likely to form a significant source of evidence for the final grades, so please don't let them tell you they don't need to work anymore... it is quite the opposite! It is extremely important that all year 11 students engage fully with all their online lessons and learning. Today has been an excellent start to the term.

We will arrange for a presentation for year 11 parents/ carers to give updates around these issues and the new online parents consultation evening system next week.

Btec exams: Thursday 7th January

Students who are expecting to be taking the Btec Music exam tomorrow morning will have been contacted separately by Mr Newnham-Reeve and also by reception with details. The exam will start at 9am.

Free School Meals

Vouchers are being provided for week 1. Any updates needed to this system will be communicated once they are arranged.

Yours sincerely

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