

# Kettlethorpe High School

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Headteacher: Mr T Griffiths



## Headteacher Update: Friday 26 June 2020

Dear Pupils, Parents/Carers

We really have had a great week in school with our Year 10 pupils now coming in for lessons on a reduced basis. This has been well received by pupils and the attendance for Year 10 over the week is above 80%. Plans are now finalised for the Year 10 pupils to have lessons in their option subjects before we break up for the summer. Details on this to follow.

In school, we have introduced new ways of working and moving about. Next week, the government is publishing guidance on how schools will open from September. This guidance will very much inform our planning for the new academic year.

Today, I have answered pupil questions in a short video that is posted onto the school website together with the update. The pupils asked appropriate and sensible questions, which I have answered based on what, as a school, we know today. Of course, things may change going forward.

Currently, our planning for September is focussed on a full return for all pupils. However, alternative plans are being prepared to offer a rotation of learning based on 'year group bubbles'. There is a lot to consider and we will continue to update you as and when plans are finalised or coming online. Do please ask any questions via our email contact details.

To date, the school has received 5 laptops from the government's scheme to support Year 10 pupils. We are still waiting for the delivery of another 30 laptops.

Today, was the official leaving date for our Year 11 pupils. They really have been hit hard and have not been able to sit their examinations or leave school with all the fun end of year events, including their prom. Mr Hunter will be sending out a letter, next week, that details how they will receive their results on Thursday 20 August. Again, do please contact school if you need support and advice in relation to your education and career plans from September. We wish you all every success into the future.

In school, we are currently making the required orders for free school meals over the summer holidays. Mrs Wray and Mr Hunter will be in contact with all the families involved.

Mr Hunter is also sending out letters to all Year 8 pupils with new finalised option choices. These will go into the post next week.

Current planning for the summer holiday break is that school will be closed for the holidays from Friday 17 July. This does mean that there will be no provision or support, in school, for the pupils of key workers and vulnerable pupils. We will provide an immediate update if the government change or decide to remove summer holiday opening for schools nationally.

This week, in school, we have made over 120 phonecalls to families as well as make 30 home visits. We do intend to be in touch with every pupil/family, once, before we break up for the summer.

Very well done to all the pupils for their continued efforts and perseverance with the online home learning work. It really is impressive, seeing what you have been doing and the work done will now benefit you on your return to school. Be sure to keep at it!

This week, I had a dream about my maths lessons whilst at university, which I used to find a real challenge. I recall having to calculate how much energy was required to boil a kettle of water from a starting temperature of 95 degrees centigrade. This is a skill that has really come in handy over the years! However, we are fully aware of the value of strong numeracy skills and number work, which really is all around us. An anonymous source, once quoted, 'life is a maths equation. In order to gain the most, you have to know how to convert negatives into positives.' We all need to keep doing this.

Very best wishes for the weekend.

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely

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