

Ysgol Harri Tudur Henry Tudor School

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow Dysgwyr Heddiw, Arweinwyr Yfory

19th May 2020

Dear Year 10 and Parents/Guardians,

Re: Keeping In Touch

I hope that you are all staying safe and well and looking after one another. I am writing to express my gratitude for all of the hard work and efforts from our pupils and parents in engaging with our new way of learning.

Please be assured that we expect our pupils to work at a pace that is appropriate to them and allows them to make progress. We do not expect them to work solidly for 5 hours each day. As parents, please continue to encourage your child to work on tasks and give reassurance that it is not absolutely essential to complete all of the given tasks in an hour. Pupils should work at their own pace and be proud of their achievements.

Thank you to all the pupils and students for also keeping in touch. Year 10 pupils receive direct updates from myself on the Year 10 Google Classroom.

Naturally, Year 10 have just started their GCSEs and will be worried about what this means for them. With the exam series cancellation, pupils in Year 10 who were due to sit some unit examinations in the summer will not be issued with a predicted grade like year 11 pupils. For Year 10 pupils, there will be two options available:

1. Sit only the Year 11 unit exam(s) in the summer 2021, with the final overall GCSE grade calculated based on their performance only in these Year 11 units; or
2. Sit the Year 10 units and the Year 11 units in summer 2021. With this option, the examination board will also consider the grade they would have been awarded if they took option 1.

Their final grade will be the best grade awarded from either option. This important decision on whether to follow option 1 or 2 will be guided by your teachers in due course. Please do not worry too much unnecessarily about it now, however it is important that you continue with whatever home learning is possible given your circumstances.

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The Summer Term of Year 10 is an important transition time for students, with the exception of Year 12, they become the senior pupils in the school and consequently we all begin to think about what comes after Year 11.

Please be assured that the school will play its part in assisting Year 10 with advice on continuing education or employment opportunities throughout Year 11. Our very successful Sixth Form was praised by ESTYN and will likely be a consideration for many of your children and you are very welcome to make an application next year. Mr Jon Jones will forward regular updates on subject choices, options and the possibility of joint study with Pembrokeshire College.

Your child might of course choose to apply elsewhere for continuing education or employment and we will also advise you should this be your preference. Mr Jones would normally hold a Post-16 education Assembly in June for Year 10s, but will instead be preparing a presentation which he will circulate out to pupils via Google Classroom.

Our priority as ever, is the wellbeing, health and safety of our learners. I am proud of the exceptional individuals we have in our school and I hope you are all using the time to look after your loved ones and make the most of this unusual and unprecedented situation.

For all technical issues, please continue to email workingfromhome@yht.wales

For any learning issues, please contact your child's subject teacher or mentor by email, or myself at cjones@yht.wales

Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,

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