



THE HELENA ROMANES SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE

20 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

A quick update

Further to this week's barrage of communications, I am writing to provide a quick summary of our plans for next week and to update you on Y11 and 13 examinations.

Next week

- On Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 March, students in Years 7-11 will be directed to appropriate learning activities on our school website. There will be a link to these learning activities on the front page of our website.
- Year 12 and 13 students will be set tasks directly via *Show My Homework*.
- Teaching staff will be available during the two days to answer questions and provide advice to students, via their school email addresses.
- From Wednesday 25 March onwards all students will be set work to be completed in line with their usual timetables. This work will be set via *Show My Homework*.
- For example, students will be expected to undertake English tasks between 9.05 and 10.05 on a Monday if they normally have English during period 1 on a Monday.
- Subject to availability, teachers will be on hand to answer 'live' questions and provide support during the lesson, via email.
- Where a teacher is unavailable, work will still be set and there will be a note highlighting the teacher's unavailability.

Year 11 and 13 examinations

- The Department for Education has provided further information on the summer examinations.
- Their methodology would involve taking elements of students' prior work/assessment into account. Staff have been asked to provide students with work that we can use (if requested) to support this process. Please make your son/daughter aware of this.
- The full statement can be found here: [DfE update](#)

Letter from Clare Kershaw

- I have attached a letter from Clare Kershaw, Director of Education at Essex County Council for your information.

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On behalf of the staff

- We would like to thank our parents/carers for your patience, support and kind words throughout the week. It has been humbling and has made a massive difference to us all at a really challenging time.

From me

- I would like to publicly thank all staff at HRS for their fantastic efforts this week. The work that has gone on behind the scenes has been phenomenal. Our staff have shown dedication, compassion and professionalism of the highest standard. We are all looking forward to supporting your children in this brave new world.

Have a great weekend. I sense I might be writing to you again at some point next week!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Gee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'D'.

Daniel Gee
Headteacher