



8 June 2020

Dear students, parents and carers

Today we held a socially distanced whole staff meeting with the majority of staff joining us in person in the theatre and some joining us via Microsoft Teams to communicate our plans for the phased return of Year 10 and Year 12 students and to agree next steps for other year groups. It was lovely to see so many of our staff in person for the first time in several months and to see their enthusiasm and commitment to providing the best education that they can in these difficult circumstances.

I am very much looking forward to seeing our Year 10 and Year 12 students from next week, but I am disappointed that it seems very unlikely we will see students in Year 7 to Year 9 before September. I would like to reiterate that we have been incredibly impressed with the resilience and discipline students are showing with working from home. Our monitoring (which is not 100% accurate) indicates that between 80% and 90% of students in Years 7-9 are being conscientious or very conscientious with completing work with a higher figure in Y10 and close to 100% of Y12 students. In order for us to review the quality of online work we are setting and so that we can make further improvements, I have inserted below a link to a short online parental survey which should take 10 minutes to complete. If you wish to complete the survey, please could you do so by Monday 15th June.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h9QXkipHEkSqJlaQB-bBMSIH81LhQEhPs3c4GfEBH-xUQ1BENE4zQ0ZETeHEWVRJQUtZOVJXRfJTUC4u>

Skeleton School

Thank you to all parents whose children have been attending Skeleton School for giving us at least 48 hours notice and communicating your requests clearly and well in advance. Over the last week we have had an average of 5-6 students attending, but we expect this to increase as more people go back to work. If you are a key worker or have a vulnerable child and wish your child to attend please email your request to admin@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk. Our SEND team have been contacting parents of children who are vulnerable or have Special Educational Needs or disabilities to arrange specific days for children to attend and be supported by specialist staff and will continue to do so.

Phased return for Y10 and Y12 students

Many thanks to all parents of Y10 and Y12 students. Every one of you has let us know whether your son or daughter will be attending the seminars in person or via Microsoft Teams. Miss Limbrick and Mr Hawsworth will be communicating details of when students should attend and health and safety details to all parents and carers. Over the next week we will finishing off our

work in putting arrangements in place across the site to enable our risk assessment to be implemented and keep all students and staff as safe as possible.

Arrangements for transition for students returning to JM6

Our Year 11 students returning to JMHS Sixth Form were due to spend Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 June in school to experience our Sixth Form transition days. This will not occur now due to the health risk of having the whole cohort in school together. You are aware that teachers were setting transition work before half term in preparation for student's A Level studies. Therefore we believe that Year 11 students are well placed to take on the exciting challenges ahead of them and we will continue to support them in their preparation.

The Sixth Form Team will phone each student who has indicated they are definitely or possibly interested in studying at JM6, to answer any questions they have about preparation for A Level study or Sixth Form study in general. This will occur between the Monday 22 June and Friday 3 July.

Free loan of laptop computers for students

We have a small number of laptop computers available for loan to students who have no other access to a computer or tablet at home. If you would like to be considered for a loan, please email Mr Hammond – peter.hammond@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk .

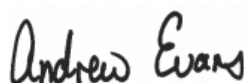
Headteacher's June Challenge

I have already received several high quality entries for this month's competition which is to produce a short newspaper report about any recent event or news that interests you. It can be about something that has happened to your family, news about Ledbury or our local community, as well as national or international news. Entries should be set out as newspaper reports with a headline, the main article and photographs, diagrams and charts if the student wishes to include these and should be e-mailed to me at andy.evans@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk .

And finally

I would like to thank all students, parents and carers, families and staff for your continued support and impressive hard work and say how much I am looking forward to seeing Year 10 and Year 12 students once again

With my very best wishes



Andrew Evans
Headteacher