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Dear Families

I hope you remain safe and well.

When will school re-open?

The government are asking secondary schools to offer some face-to-face support before the summer holidays to supplement the remote learning of Year 10 and Year 12 students and to be ready to do that from 1st June at the very earliest. With senior staff, I have been planning for different possible scenarios but it is too soon to take any final decisions. The most important principle guiding our planning work to move beyond the current arrangements is to ensure that school can be safe for students and staff. We remain in a public health emergency, and all next steps will be taken with this in mind.

Once there is further information, I will communicate the details to you clearly. It is very unlikely for much to change on 1st June from the current arrangements in school and existing arrangements for working from home are likely to continue during the week commencing 1st June for all students other than those vulnerable students and those whose parent is a critical worker and cannot be safely cared for at home. I will provide further updates next week.

Information published by the government for parents and carers about the wider opening of nurseries, schools and colleges, transport, attendance, free school meals and remote education can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers

Mental Health Awareness Week: 18th-24th May

Hosted by the Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Awareness Week will take place next week. The theme is kindness. Lots of information can be found here:

https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week Wednesday 20th May is "Thank a Teacher Day", so please do consider sending a message to a member of staff that has helped during lockdown. More details can be found here: https://haileyburyturnford.com/thank-a-teacher-day-20th-may/

And finally ...

Please continue to stay in touch with staff. Our latest Bulletins for students in Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 have been published this week. They are wonderfully uplifting and a celebration of each year group community. If you haven't seen them, they can be viewed here: https://haileyburyturnford.com/newsletters-bulletins-and-e-principals-book/ My great thanks to staff, students and families for your contributions to these bulletins.

Stay safe and best wishes for the weekend ahead.

Yours faithfully

Robin Newman

Principal

