

# HaileyburyTurnford

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Dear Families

## Welcome back to lessons for Year 10 and Year 12 students

It has been wonderful to welcome Year 10 and Year 12 students back to school for lessons today, following last week's meetings with students and families. All safety measures are in place to ensure we can make this return to school as safe as possible for all students and staff. Our full risk management plan can be viewed on our website, and can also be found here: <https://haileyburyturnford.com/app/uploads/2020/06/HT-HfL-Secondaryreturning-v03.pdf>. This document will continue to be updated as necessary, with the current version always available on the school website. We have written to Year 10 and Year 12 families separately with full re-opening details. Please do not hesitate to contact us as necessary with any queries or issues. We are here to answer your questions.

## Updates for other year groups

Following an update to the government's secondary schools guidance last week, schools are now able to invite students in other year groups into school for a meeting before the end of this term, where it would be beneficial. We are developing our plans, and will be in contact with further details this week. We wish to meet with some students, starting no earlier than this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. We are going to focus on meeting with students who have found lockdown the most challenging, so that we can aim to provide further support before the summer holidays.

## Free School Meals voucher scheme confirmed for the summer holidays

I was delighted that the government took the decision last week to fund free school meal vouchers to families during the summer holidays, following the campaign by footballer Marcus Rashford. The scheme will support children who are eligible for free school meals with a voucher to cover the full six week summer holiday beginning next month, which schools will be able to order before the end of term. Vouchers will be provided via the existing system run by Edenred. Schools are still waiting for further guidance, and Mr Megaw, Assistant Principal will be in touch with families when we have further information to share.

## Catch-up funding for missed teaching time

At the end of last week, the government announced a £1 billion catch-up package to support students who may have fallen behind due to lost teaching time as a result of COVID-19 and school closure. Additional funding is clearly welcomed to support students, and once the government release further details about this funding, we will be in a position to plan how it will benefit our students.

## Will all students return to school in September?

At the end of last week, the government stated that their intention is for all students to return to school full time in September. Clearly there is much uncertainty, and many questions that all schools and families will have. Gavin Williamson, Education Secretary, stated on Friday that guidance on safety measures will be published in the next fortnight. Along with senior colleagues, I continue to plan for various scenarios, and we will keep doing that whilst waiting for the government guidance, to ensure that we can communicate final plans to all staff and families promptly, and before the end of term.



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I hope you have a good week ahead. I very much look forward to this Friday's Year 11 Leavers' Assembly. We are all hugely disappointed that it is not possible to have this assembly in school this year, but we are committed to making Friday's Leavers' Assembly the very best it can be for our Class of 2020, via the internet, on Microsoft Teams. Full details will be provided by Mr Macaulay to enable all families to join our virtual Leavers' Assembly on Friday morning.

I hope all families remain safe as lockdown continues to ease and during what is predicted to be the hottest week of the year so far.

Yours faithfully



**Robin Newman**  
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