



# Wales HIGH SCHOOL

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Good afternoon

I hope you've had a great week and are keeping well.

There might be lots we could grumble about but we certainly can't fault the weather. It's almost as though we've planned such beautiful sunshine to give us a much needed boost throughout this difficult time.

Last week we were pleased to launch a "keep in touch" strategy with every student in school. I'm sure you can imagine with 1,800 students this doesn't happen overnight. You will however, if not already, have your child's tutor get in touch with you and / or your son or daughter. So many of you as parents are providing some invaluable support to make home learning a success, but this time we are contacting students themselves via their email addresses or other home contact details we have at school. I have already heard some fantastic feedback from the community - both students and parents/carers enjoying the extra contact. Please ensure you and your son or daughter don't miss this contact and remind your child to check their emails regularly (each day is ideal) as part of their home learning routine. It's a great way of sorting out any issues and keeping in touch with staff at school.

We have also included a link to a short survey which we are keen for you to complete:-

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=AUSwLBxsWEODNN7wroTSzSkf14coLYtKgYA7eMuYnVtUNkRITjdHTUM0T1BETk9JWkdHM0tROEFCVi4u>

The purpose of this survey is to get student / family specific feedback regarding any potential issues whilst working at home. Any concerns or questions will be responded to and therefore it is important that you share with us your thoughts.

Many of you have voiced your appreciation at the "Teams" lessons we have been offering throughout the week. As you'll appreciate, these won't be offered from every teacher, but we are looking at introducing more online lessons as the weeks go on. Your child should continue to check emails and G4S to ensure they don't miss invites. As previously explained, these lessons are not compulsory but they will be beneficial for those who can attend. We have also included other suggestions for online lessons within the family bulletin . Take advantage of these - they'll certainly take some pressure off parents - who I am certain will be managing their own work whilst looking after families - just like so many of our own staff are. Just remember to take care of the amount of "screen time" for your child. Lots of breaks are needed!

As always please read the family bulletin carefully. A number of parents and students are still asking questions that are being covered each week in the bulletins. The bulletin is designed to save you time and improve the quality of experience when working at home - please follow the link to read this week's bulletin <https://www.waleshigh.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Families-Bulletin-27-April.pdf>

This week there is also an additional section that looks specifically at Online Safety. As you will appreciate, given the amount of remote learning and therefore working online, clear rules and boundaries need to be established when working at home. This will provide a chance for families to reiterate how to use the internet safely.

Finally, and most importantly, continue to keep you and your family safe and well and remain optimistic that if we continue to follow government advice, we will see an end to the lockdown and get back to "normal" business when it's safe to do so.

With best wishes

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HEADTEACHER