



Wales HIGH SCHOOL

HEADTEACHER: MR. G. DI'IASIO

Dear Parent / Carer

11 May 2020

I hope you have enjoyed a lovely extended weekend and found some time for the sun.

I wrote to you last week and outlined our intention to work with the government and NHS guidance when looking at a phased return to school. Following Sunday's update from the Prime Minister the plan remains to look towards prior to the Summer Holidays and consider how best to slowly reintroduce students and staff back to school. There will be much more detail provided to those students affected, but in terms of forward planning for all families, this phased return will start with Y10 and Y12. Selected students will be invited in on specific days although this will not be full year groups. Years 7, 8 and 9 will continue to work remotely and staff will ensure work is set and assessed for those still working at home.

We are however, still working hard to provide the best possible experience for remote learning and as such please [click here](#) to read the 5th remote learning bulletin that continues to offer handy tips and avenues for support.

The use of Go 4 Schools gets better each week. Both staff and students are finding it easier to communicate and the contact continues to grow. It was great to celebrate over 14,000 Go for School achievement points being logged during the lock down period. This really is superb and students should feel proud of themselves and of course you too as families, who are learning to home school without any preparation. I hope the bulletin helps you all.

When the sad news regarding the passing of John Day (former Headteacher) was sent to families and the wider community, a number of you shared your condolences with the family and asked to be informed of any new information. After speaking with John's family, they are happy for you to know that his funeral will take place on Thursday 14 May at 2pm. Due to the current situation, attendance at the funeral is of course for John's immediate family; but John's family are happy that I share the date and time with you and that we take time on Thursday at 2pm to offer prayers and enjoy our own special memories of John. Looking ahead, and when it is safe to do so, we will continue to update you as plans are made to commemorate John's life in a more fitting way.

Finally, as we move in to another week of remote learning - I do hope you continue to prioritise the importance of using this time at home for a mixture of learning activities. Inside the bulletin, it offers a number of examples of play and creative tasks. School work will always be better received and completed if there are regular breaks and daily fresh air. We want to encourage you to get in touch if there is anything you need. We miss you and are always happy to hear from you.

I thought that a lovely way to conclude our message this week would be for you to follow the link below and listen to one of our very talented music teachers Miss Cunnington, playing an uplifting version of the Beatles; 'Here Comes The Sun'! Given the optimism for the future and the glorious weather we have had..... Perhaps we can see the sun coming? Think of the words as you enjoy the performance....."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7ymzhsCID0&feature=youtu.be>

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