



Wales HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

After a difficult week, I feel it is important that we move in to May feeling optimistic looking ahead to better news regarding the lock down and status of Coronavirus. Although very early days (and amongst much speculation regarding schools re-opening), rest assured that we are planning and preparing for how we will eventually re-open the school for more students; once a date is officially shared by the Government. I will write with much more detail as and when the time arrives, but wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you it will happen in a phased manner and you will be informed every step of the way.

Thank you to the great response to the survey sent out last week. We were delighted to receive well over 500 responses which is fantastic. Here are the most common themes:

- Many students shared that they were missing the interaction they have with fellow students and teachers and this was why the online lessons are so highly valued. We will continue to do as many of these as we can.
- Many families shared that they were feeling overwhelmed with the amount of work on G4S. This is often because students haven't ticked the work 'off' once it is done. Please see the weekly bulletin for details on how to do this which can only be done through the student's G4S log in, not parents.
- Several of you are still finding it difficult to access staff email addresses. Simply use your G4S timetable to spell the teachers surname then put it in the 'To' box and it will appear in your email. To provide additional support, we have included the staff email list in this week's bulletin. Please follow this link [Families Bulletin 4 May](#)
- Most importantly, please don't allow your child to feel overwhelmed with the work set. A number of you are feeling anxious at not getting all work completed. Remember it is sometimes hard for teachers to estimate how long work takes to do at home particularly when there are so many different contexts. Teachers understand this, so make sure you try to keep to the guided hours per day and email staff if you are worried. If you want some general support, email your Tutor and they will do everything to help you.
- Finally, don't forget more than anything, your health & wellbeing is the most important aspect of looking after yourself. Have plenty of rest breaks and do lots of creative and fun things with your family.

Over the last 10 days Tutors and many other staff have been contacting every student in the school. We are proud to share that we have been able to hear from over 80% of our students and I know that as we move in to next week we will hit our target of 100%! Please continue to check your emails and encourage your child to do the same each morning.

I felt it would be great to be reminded that this week is a four day week as **Bank Holiday is Friday 8 May**. Although it seems strange due to being at home; make sure you take the opportunity to relax and encourage your son or daughter to do the same.

I know that parents and students are working incredibly hard. Please be kind to yourself and accept the situation isn't ideal for any of us, but we will continue to help each other to make this work. I am incredibly impressed with the way in which the whole community has worked together and continues to support each other.

As Winston Churchill so succinctly suggested 'The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity, the optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty'.

Let's all remain optimistic. This is certainly true of the Wales community.

Take care and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pepe Di'lasio', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Pepe Di'lasio
Headteacher