



Wales HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

'Welcome back'! I hope you enjoyed the half term break and used the good weather as an opportunity to spend lots of time outdoors and enjoy the freedom that the reduced lockdown restrictions have provided.

As you are aware, the school continues to be open for the children of Key Workers and those defined by the government as 'vulnerable'. We have also been planning a wider opening of the school to cater for those students who are in Y10 and Y12; those who sit their final examinations next year. To keep you up to date with the plans for the wider re-opening of the school, please follow the link to a document [here](#) which carefully outlines the changes that will be put in place to enable more students and staff to be on site as and when safe to do so.

With regards to Key Stage 3 students, the government advice remains that the safest way to learn is still within your own home. Remote learning will continue to be a priority for all of our staff and we will ensure that you receive feedback and support as and when you need it. The level of contact will not change and you should continue to follow all of our weekly bulletins for advice and you must contact staff if ever you find an issue.

This week's great news is that there is now a timetable of online lessons in Core subjects (Maths, English and Science) for our KS3 students. The timetable is in the families bulletin [here](#) and it also contains a step by step guide to logging on to Teams and using the system to enjoy a 'live' lesson. This has been successfully used in Y10 and Y12, and as we continue to remain in lock-down, we have been able to add more lessons for the younger students in the school. I know so many families and KS3 students will value this extra contact.

Although the online lessons for Y10 and Y12 have been a real success; it does depend on how students use the lessons and the positive conduct they ensure they display. All students are identifiable by name and therefore any improper use of the online lessons would result in students having this entitlement withdrawn. Please discuss with your child, just how important it is to take advantage of these lessons and, as is expected in school lessons, they must contribute positively. If you need any help with Teams please email the usual help address of g4s@waleshigh.com.

As always, I can't urge you enough to get in touch with staff from school if you have any barrier or issue that is stopping remote learning working for you and your child. We miss having students at school, and like you, it is often more difficult to work without face to face contact. We can however, respond to emails, texts and phone calls. The list of email addresses is still within the family bulletin and all students should know their Head of Year and Tutor email address as students have had emails from both. Please ensure that your child opens their school email and logs on to G4S every day. I know that there are a few students and families who haven't been checking their emails and G4S and missing out on contact and new information. It is really important to stay in touch.

Within the families bulletin you will find messages from all year group pastoral teams. Tutors, Heads of Year and other staff letting you know what they have been up to over the period of lockdown. It is lovely that we can get to see some familiar faces. I know I certainly enjoyed them.

Finally, I wanted to thank you for your strength and support throughout what we may describe as the biggest life changing event that many of us have ever experienced.

Take care and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pepe Di'lasio', written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Pepe Di'lasio
Headteacher