

4th April 2020

The
COUNTY
HIGH SCHOOL
Leftwich



Dear Parent / Carer

Whilst the majority of teachers and support staff are on their two week Easter break, from Monday 6th April – Friday 17th, I'd like to start by thanking my colleagues who will continue to work over the next two weeks. They will continue to offer the emergency child care provision, for the small number of children of key workers and vulnerable students, who cannot stay at home safely, over the Easter break and support, where we can, students for a variety of reasons.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already communicated with us regarding the emergency child care provision, to help with our planning, please email admin@leftwichhigh.com, if they/you fulfil the following criteria and you need to send your child to school during the Easter break:

- you are a critical worker (as per the definition in the link below)
- they are a vulnerable child (supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including Child in Need plans, on Child Protection plans, Looked After children, young carers, disabled children and those with education, health and care (EHC) plans).

www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision

At present, we are not planning to open on Good Friday (10th April) or Easter Monday (13th April), however, please contact admin@leftwichhigh.com if you need to use the emergency child care provision on these dates and we will facilitate this.

Thank you also to my colleagues who have been providing a variety of creative and imaginative resources to ensure that students' learning can continue during the school closure. I know from the parents/carers who have provided feedback that the resources are



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very much appreciated. The vast majority of this feedback has been positive and there have also been suggestions that we have implemented and, I feel, have enhanced our provision. This is a very new way of working for all of us and we will continue to evaluate and improve our provision, where possible.

As stated in my letter on Monday, the home learning provision will reduce during the Easter break. My colleagues need to rest, recharge and refocus after what has been a very challenging period. I am encouraging students to try to maintain a routine and continue to access resources, where possible. For those students who have been receiving regular support from members of the Pastoral Support Team, whilst this will also be reduced during the Easter break, students are encouraged to continue to seek any support they may need from the many organisations signposted on our dedicated Coronavirus Guidance and Support webpage. The page brings together all the communication we have sent out, links to support, including mental health and well-being and online safety guidance. The page also includes many of the fantastic resources Year Leaders have been forwarding to students, encouraging them to stay positive, continue with learning, be active and look after themselves and each other.

www.leftwichhigh.com/news/news_coronavirus_guidance_support_2020.html.

Regarding the guidance on the awarding of GCSEs grades, at time of writing, this still hasn't been published, even though it was promised earlier in the week. Indications are that it will be released today. We will provide a response to this once we have considered the guidance carefully. Please continue to be patient with us whilst we give this very important matter the required amount of consideration.

Attached to this letter are some Newsletter items, which due to the rapid change of events towards the end of March, were not published. By following the Government advice: *Stay at home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives*, we will be back to what we do best as soon as possible and we will be able to continue to provide experiences and opportunities, like the ones attached to this letter, for your children to embrace once more.

Please continue to look yourselves and each other,

Mr Snelson

Principal

WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE



Year 11 had an inspiring presentation during Education for Life from the National Citizen Service.

Remember Year 11, **No. We. Can.** Show yourself exactly what you're made of!



Mrs Towers
Learnina Leader: Education for Life

NETBALL TOURNAMENT



Great to see the Year 9 Netball back on court and achieving Bronze in the Mid Cheshire Netball Tournament. Well done!

Mrs Towers
Teacher of PE

BBC YOUNG REPORTER

On Monday 2nd March, Miss Saunders and I worked with a group of students on the BBC Young Reporter. They were set tasks to run a news report day (similar to the news shown throughout the day).

Students attended weekly meetings to discuss the possible interviews within the school and around the local area. The students set their own questions and everyone was given a role so they all had a chance to be in front of the camera. Some of the students were hands on with the equipment and helped with the recording aspect. With the help of Mr Jones our Media Arts' Manager, use of studio equipment and of the recording studio, the day was a great success.

Mr Tomlin
Teacher of Creative Computing
& Media



WORLD BOOK DAY



On Thursday 5 March the CHSL community celebrated World Book Day - an exciting annual event in our school calendar. Staff and students took part in a range of activities based on this year's theme - Stage Productions - showing that behind most great theatre productions and musicals, there is an even more fabulous book, which inspired it. In addition, every CHSL student received a World Book Day book token valid until 29 March 2020, which they can now use to purchase a £1 book from a specially produced WBD range or get £1 off any book or audio book priced £2.99 or more.

During morning registration, forms split into teams and went head to head in a Musicals and Theatre trailer quiz, with a prize at stake for the highest scoring team in each form.

Mrs Allen, our Librarian, ran a lunch time literary quiz which was well attended by over 100 students. Students were greeted at the Library doors with popcorn and a great time was had by all. Thank you to everyone for taking part and well done.