

17<sup>th</sup> April 2020

The  
COUNTY  
HIGH SCHOOL  
Leftwich



Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you have found a way of relaxing and enjoying the weather over the last week, although I appreciate it is difficult during these worrying times. As the summer term officially begins on Monday, please, where ever possible, support your child to create a routine, which includes engaging with the home learning tasks provided. Following their timetable may help provide structure to their day. However, the number one priority continues to be ensuring students are safe and as happy as possible.

As communicated last week, the Department for Education and Ofqual have begun to release details of how Year 11 students' results will be calculated. We will begin the important task of generating our centre-assessed grades next week. These grades will be forwarded to the exam boards, where they will be used to calculate the actual results Year 11 students will receive. The centre-assessed grades we provide are confidential and we are not allowed to share these with students or parents/carers. I want to reassure Year 11 students and parents/carers that we have developed detailed procedures and systems as to how we will generate the centre-assessed grades. We will consider evidence from a variety of sources, including attainment during Student Tracking exams, progress on Non-Exam Assessments (where applicable), classwork, homework and evidence in exercise books. My talented teachers know their students very well and have a proven track record of understanding the specifications and what students need to do to achieve outstanding results. Following the Ofqual guidance and our internal procedures and systems and utilising all the evidence, Subject Leaders and their teams, supported and led by the Senior Leadership Team, will generate grades that we believe students were most likely to achieve if teaching, learning and exams had happened as planned. Students will receive their GCSE/BTEC/OCR results on August 20th, details of which will be shared nearer the time.

Thank you to the very small number of parents/carers who have communicated with us regarding the emergency child care provision for next week. Government advice remains that if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. Please note that we are no longer able to provide lunch in school, therefore, please send your child with a packed lunch. To help with our planning, please email



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[admin@leftwichhigh.com](mailto:admin@leftwichhigh.com) , if they/you fulfil the following criteria and your child can't safely stay at home next week:

- 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).

[gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educationalprovision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educationalprovision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision)

We are now providing vouchers for parents/carers of students who receive Free School Meals via the Government scheme. We are aware of difficulties accessing these and have forwarded our concerns to the company issuing the vouchers. Please contact [jsimms@leftwichhigh.com](mailto:jsimms@leftwichhigh.com) for support.

Year 6 parents/carers of students who will be joining us in September will be receiving a letter early next week, providing information about the transition from their child's Primary School to The County High School, Leftwich.

Please continue to visit our Coronavirus support and guidance page on our website. 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](http://www.leftwichhigh.com/news/news_coronavirus_guidance_support_2020.html). Please also follow us on Twitter - @leftwichhigh, where we share updates, information and provide an insight as to what being part of The County High School, Leftwich community is all about.

Please continue to look yourselves and each other,

Mr Snelson

Principal