



# Herne Bay High School

## Specialist Sports College

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Dear Parents / Carers

I wanted to take this opportunity to reach out one last time before we cease operation as a school for an indeterminate period.

During my 25 years in education, I have never been in the situation that we face today; the population is being attacked by COVID-19 and it will change the way we both live and think in the weeks and months ahead. We now all need to play our part in fighting it and that will mean some very difficult decisions and challenging times for everyone.

Over the last few weeks, every member of staff at Herne Bay High School has continued to act with professionalism, courage and dedication to provide an excellent quality of education for your children and this will continue in the weeks ahead; it will just look a little different. Please keep updated via the learning from home section of the website at:

<https://www.hernebayhigh.org/information/learning-from-home/>

I will also regularly post information using social media, our website and via e-mail to keep you supported and informed as we move into the unknown.

On a practical note:

- We will write to all year 11 and year 13 students with information about their next steps within the coming week. Work will continue to be set and I suggest that they all need to remain ready for whatever is announced.
- Although the school will be open, as directed by the government, however this is for specific students only all whom have been notified. There will be no access to the school after Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March as we are deep cleaning.
- You can continue to communicate with the school through the normal channels, however please be mindful that the response time may not be as immediate as you have come to expect.
- Many students have lockers with their belongings in them, these will all remain untouched until we return.

I hope that you have felt informed and supported over the last few weeks and that as we enter the unknown you have the structures and systems in place for this support to continue. For the large number of you who have been in contact and shared their best wishes, I personally thank you

We now all need to look after ourselves, mentally and physically as we have some tough times ahead. We need to do the right thing, make the right choices and come out, at some point, stronger and better than ever.

Herne Bay High School is fantastic; it is truly at the heart of the Herne Bay community and will continue to shape the lives of every young person who walks through our door. I cannot wait to get back to business as usual, to see the students performing academically, sportingly and artistically at the very highest level and to be sharing these successes with you all.

I thank you for your understanding and support during these unprecedented times and wish you all well.

With kind regards,

**Jon Boyes**  
**Principal**