20th July 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Well, we have made it to the end of term and we are all in one piece; I hope you are also. We have been delighted that over the past 5 weeks EVERY student who will be joining us in September has had the opportunity, with their parents, to come up and visit us. This has enabled us to reassure everyone that we are working tirelessly to deliver a cracking education in September whilst looking after the safety and wellbeing of our community. I am sure that, like myself, you are looking ahead and wondering what September will look; I still think there could be further developments that we may have to deal with but rest assured we will be ready come September.

I do feel like I have written more letters over the last four months than I have in my entire career. I hope they have helped you keep you informed and feel like, even in a time of absence and change, that you are still somehow connected to HBHS. I appreciate that I may not always have all the answers, but I do like to think that some information is better than none at all.

I am afraid I am going to bombard you with a significant amount of detail that it is very important you read and understand. I am giving you a couple of hyperlinks that will take you to three different places on our website and allow you to digest all the changes and information for September. I have done this so if there are any minor alterations over the summer you will be able to see them.

1) The HBHS Operational plan for September

   a. This is a 12-page document with all information you will need to help you and your son/daughter understand the changes. You will also find details of the first few days of term, so please do read:

2) A film that details everything that you need to know about our September opening

   a. I have put together a film that consolidates everything from the booklet into an easily accessible format for you to watch and share with your son/daughter
      https://youtu.be/DKAyFFt07hl

3) The School Website:

   a. The dedicated website page that contains everything that you need to answer all your questions about September and what the school will look like.
      https://www.hernebayhigh.org/information/coronavirus/full-re-opening-of-school-site-to-students/
At this time of year, we sadly have to say goodbye to a number of staff who have decided to move on to pastures new. I am sure you will join me in wishing all the following staff every success for their future careers:

- Chris Gregory, History
- Chris Dow, Art
- Aaron Shaw, Maths
- Daniel Gibson, Geography
- Will Sherwood, English

In addition, Martyn Jenkins, Vice Principal in charge of 6th form, is moving on after 25 years at HBHS. He is taking on responsibility for Post 16 Advanced Level Maths in the South East of England and he leaves with our very best wishes.

However, we also have the opportunity to welcome new staff who are joining the HBHS family. I am pleased to announce the following staff who either have or will be joining us:

**Started in July**

- Simon Jarvis, MFL/Hollie
- Bramwell, History/RE
- Anne-Marie Brazier, Music
- Kendall Borer, Science
- Emily Woodhouse, English

**Starting in September**

- Daniel Amos, RE
- Lucy Stevenson, Science
- Vincent Jones, PE
- Natalie Fieldwick, Art
- Nick Pollard, History
- Louise Murphy, Food Technology
- Claire Morris, Food Technology
- Jonathan Liversedge, Music
- Anne Wakefield, Chemistry
- Katie Short, Business
- Sophie Hughes, MFL
- Maddie Levine, Technology

So, it is with mixed feelings that I finally sign off on a very strange 2019/20 academic year. A year that has seen the country demonstrate resilience, great courage and great sacrifice. One that has seen schooling change significantly, and I must say in many aspects for the better. But the lasting feeling from the HBHS site is that lack of buzz, that energy of young people going about their business, the conversations and the social interactions that make and shape all of us.
Please do not worry about all the changes, we will, as always be there to guide both families and students through it all. The induction days in the first week will be very important to ensure everyone knows what to do and where to go. You will all have received an e-mail today with details of First Day Arrangements for September 2020.

Please have a fabulous summer, take care of each other and our community, and I look forward to the return of our students in September.

With kindest regards,

Jon Boyes Principal