



# Herne Bay High School

## Specialist Sports College

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to another week in the life of Virtual Herne Bay High School. I do hope that the onset of a strong cold northerly wind is not ominous nor too reflective of the announcements from our Prime Minister last night.

What we have learnt from the headline announcement is that “secondary age children in Year 10 & Year 12 MIGHT get to see their teachers for a couple of weeks before we break for the summer holidays.” I am anticipating slighter more clarity in the coming days but this is implying that it is likely that most students (Year 7 to 9 in particular) will **NOT** be back at school until at least September.

I am sure you will agree that this is less than ideal for a whole raft of reasons, but please be assured that the school will be developing a detailed plan of how we can make up for this lost educational time when we do eventually get back. As and when we hear more, we will update our website and I will continue to write to you.

With the above timelines in mind, I urge you to try and keep you son/daughter engaged in our online learning as it will ensure they stay on track for when we do return.

In our original assessment calendar that we shared in September, it states that we would be starting end of year examinations for Year 7 to 10 in the coming weeks. We have decided that under the current circumstances this would not only be detrimental to the wellbeing of students, but would also not be helpful educationally and for these reasons they are cancelled. Teachers may well still set mini tests to check learning that has taken place during the online lessons and we shall also be reporting on how well your child has been engaging in online learning. The first report will come out after the May half term.

If you click on this link you will hear my latest updates in the bank holiday weekend message:  
<https://www.hernebayhigh.org/information/news-and-information/message-from-the-principal/>

Please remember to follow our Facebook and Twitter feeds as we update these daily with the wide variety of activities that our students are getting up to and also do continue to keep in contact with us through the normal channels. We are here to support you through these difficult times

Take care, stay safe and look after yourselves and your families.

With kind regards,

**Jon Boyes**