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Dear parent(s)/carer(s)

I hope this letter continues to find you and your families safe and well.

It has been wonderful to see Year 10 and 12 students making an appearance in school for one-to-one meetings over the last few days. The site team continues to work tirelessly to prepare the school for a safe wider opening and we would like to publicly thank them for their efforts, which have allowed these meetings to take place. We are now looking forward to Year 10 students attending for part time face to face lessons commencing next week, and Year 12 engaging with online video led-lessons and in-school IAG sessions.

We continue to follow the guidance provided by the government, Local Authority and Trust to plan for different scenarios that may allow students in other year groups to return to school. As parents ourselves we are well aware of the stresses, anxieties and issues caused by the extended absence from school and the burden it places on you. As soon as it is considered safe to do so, we intend to allow other students to return so that they can continue their learning in a more conventional way. We will be in touch again regarding this as soon as we are able to. We certainly hope to offer one-to-one meetings to all our students before the end of the summer term.

### Rewards

Competition has increased for rewards, particularly in Years 7-8, so well done to all students in these year groups who demonstrated excellent attitude and effort. Winners of the draw from the last fortnight were:

<b>Year 7</b>	Freddie Dearlove	Amelie Fewster	Demi Watson	Harvey Marshall
<b>Year 8</b>	George Pay	Maddison Jones	Jacob Gray	Megan Read
<b>Year 9</b>	Maxwell Phillips	Ashlynn Downie	Yarin Morris	Charlotte Keogh
<b>Year 10</b>	Megan Gosling	Finn McLeish Longthorn	John Kaya	Sofia Biggs

Congratulations, prizes are on their way.

### Parents of Year 11 – 6<sup>th</sup> Form virtual induction

For students in Year 11 who are planning to attend Sixth Form next year, induction will be conducted live over Microsoft TEAMS on Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>. Students should take advantage of this as it will be beneficial for their transition into Sixth Form.

Please remind your child to continue to check emails as more information will be provided about this event. Also, information about results days and Sixth Form enrolment will be sent out in due course.

If your child will be unable to access the virtual induction programme, please get in touch with the school.



## Parents of Year 9 – GCSE Option transition work

If your child is in Year 9, the work that will be set from the 29<sup>th</sup> June will aim to help with the transition to GCSE work. These transition tasks will be shared with students through email and Microsoft Teams and will include an introduction from teachers to the courses. From the 29<sup>th</sup> June, we will encourage Year 9 students to focus their efforts on English, Maths, Science, R.E. and their option subjects only. Leaders of option subjects will be sharing welcome and introduction presentations through Microsoft Teams from the 29<sup>th</sup>. Your child should assume they have been awarded their option choice unless you have already received a phone call to arrange an alternative.

## Managing Workload

By popular request we have re-attached the weekly timetable that your child may use to record and track the completion and submission of their remote learning work. We continue to recommend that maintaining a weekday routine, working in a dedicated space where possible, with regular breaks and exercise is essential for successful remote learning and will help with the transition back to a classroom environment. We hope that your child is still committing to complete approximately 3 hours per day of purposeful learning.

**As some subjects have made alterations to how they are setting and receiving work into the coming months, a guide on how work will be set for each subject and year group can be found with this letter. It is also available on the school website.**

## Wellbeing Support – Online Drop-ins

Please see the attached flyer provided by the East Riding Council which details some online support that is being offered for young people suffering from anxiety and related conditions. They are currently running a weekly online drop in for any young people in the East Riding feeling anxious about COVID - 19, being away from friends and a return to school. There are separate sessions for Key Stages 3 and 4.

They have also put together a booklet collating all the available resources from various charities and specialist services so that your child can do some self-help, both in the run up to returning to school and once we open even more widely. We believe doing something like this will be particularly important in students having the opportunity to develop resilience and coping strategies for themselves.

If your child is struggling emotionally, and would prefer to speak to someone familiar, pastoral staff are available to speak with them. Please email [hoy@cottinghamhigh.net](mailto:hoy@cottinghamhigh.net) and a staff member will get back to you as soon as possible. Please also see our page on the school website for more information <https://www.cottinghamhigh.net/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=79>

If you have any further questions over the coming weeks, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will respond as soon as possible.

Best wishes and stay safe

The Leadership Team

