



The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are safe and well as we enter another week of lockdown. I am sure we all enjoyed the glorious weather at the weekend, a real boost to the spirits. The forecast is less promising for the next few days, but I am sure that won't stop us all from getting some fresh air, and some exercise.

Review of remote learning

Thank you to all the many students who completed the survey. We have completed the review with students and staff, the main points are summarised below. We would also like to give parents the opportunity to feed back to us so please look out for a parental survey later this week.

Most students are coping well with remote learning, although students in Y7 were most likely to have difficulty accessing and coping with their work.

A majority of students reported that they were in contact with their friends and many had also been in touch with staff. Most students said that the volume and difficulty of work is about right for them and were positive about the variety of work set. Y10 students had already received work for marking.

We noted that most students are using a computer for at least 3-4 hours a day and many are using a screen for over 5 hours. We would like to reduce this to support well-being. We are also aware that a third of our students are sharing a computer.

In the light of the survey, we will reduce the volume of work requiring screen time slightly to try to reduce the amount of time students are spending at a computer each day. For Y7, we will reduce the volume of work further for the time being.

We have looked closely at staff capacity to offer marking and feedback to students. Whilst we would love to be able to provide the quality of marking and feedback which students enjoy when in school, we are obviously unable to replicate what we can provide normally. You will appreciate that as well as setting work for students, teachers are also engaged in looking at examination grades, and producing resources. Our teachers are working from home on personal devices which they may be sharing with family members and many have young children at home. Notwithstanding this, we are able to offer some marking/answers and feedback to all year groups. Please see the attached document '27-04-20 Marking and Feedback' for details.

From today, it will also be possible for students in Years 7, 10 and 12 to email their teachers with questions or queries about their work. This is to support the year groups now closest to examination and to support our youngest students. We ask that questions are kept to situations where your child has first exhausted other avenues for help. Teachers will respond as soon as they can but please do not expect a quick answer.

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Of course, if your child is in Y8 or Y9 and is finding their work too difficult, we also wish to support them. In that event, please email us on the school email: admin@crossleyheath.org.uk

Where students have told us through the survey that they are finding the current situation difficult, we will follow up through our pastoral team over the next few days.

Year 11 and Y13 Grades - Extenuating circumstances

Please note there is a brief update for Y13 students and Y11 parents on our website homepage - click on the 'Awarding GCSE and A-Level Grades Summer 2020' tab. Please be assured that we are aware of extenuating circumstances which may have impacted on your child's performance. Unless we specifically request additional details from you, we ask that you do not contact us with further information (medical or otherwise) as this may be seen as an attempt to 'influence' grading decisions.

Finally, can I again applaud the versatility and resilience of all of our young people, and you, their families. As the lockdown continues, it becomes increasingly challenging as we miss our wider family and friends, and our favourite places and activities. Please remember to continue to reassure your child, however old, that all things pass (eventually!). It is important to their peace of mind to know that we will come out the other side in the end. Crossley Heath is still here - glowing in the sun over the weekend - and we will be together again.

Yours sincerely,



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