

27th March 2020

Dear Parent

We hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits. Following last week's daily updates, you have probably enjoyed some time this week to settle in to a routine with your family. As we approach the Easter break, it seemed like a good opportunity to provide you with some updates.

It has been extremely heartening to hear that so many Lakes School students have embraced the opportunity to continue their learning from home and we would like to thank parents for supporting your children in this regard. It is clear that students are taking pride in completing tasks and we know that many of our students are sending photos of their work to their teachers, which is great! I'm sure you would join me in thanking the Lakes School staff who are working hard to ensure that your children have all the tools they need to keep up with their studies and to minimise any gaps in their knowledge before we all return to school.

We have also been impressed by the dedication shown by our older students. Whilst they will not sit exams this summer, students are still completing work and studying different curriculum topics because they know that it is important for their long term education. Students in all year groups are keeping their minds active and enjoying this different approach to school. We look forward to this continuing when we pick up our remote learning arrangements on 14th April 2020 when the school will remain closed.

Scams

Please be aware that a number of scams are emerging which is of course very sad at a time when we need a high level of trust in society. There have been reports nationally that parents and teachers have been receiving unsolicited email asking people to click a link to receive advanced income payments or to receive money for free school meals. Please be vigilant to such emails or telephone calls.

Exams and assessments

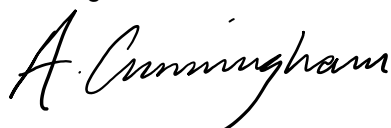
We still await further clarification about the specific arrangements for awarding students their exam grades and BTEC grades this summer. Whilst we know that grades will be a combination of predicated grades and teacher assessments, we do not yet have any further details but we will be in touch as soon as we have an update. The government has stated that students will get the grades that they deserve and we will of course do our best to ensure that the system supports this statement.

Proms

Hotel venues are now closing their doors to customers and we know that gatherings are not possible so it is unlikely that the Year 11 and Year 13 leavers' balls will go ahead. However, we are three months away from both events and so we will continue to monitor the situation and liaise with both venues before making a final decision.

On behalf of the governors and staff at The Lakes School, I wish you a healthy and relaxing Easter break and we will be in touch with further updates in the near future.

Kind regards



Andy Cunningham
Headteacher