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Dear Student/Parent/Carer

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I hope you and your loved ones are well.

This week I want to inform you of our plans for the last two weeks of term, specifically what we will provide for Year 10 and Year 12, but also what we want to offer some students within Key stage 3 (Years 7-9). Though there is no expectation from government to invite students from these year groups back before September, we believe we can offer some time in college for selected students, based on our data.

The plans for Year 10, Year 12 and KS3 are laid out below. Parents/Carers of students in Year 10 and KS3 will receive a letter to confirm your child's involvement and to provide further details (Year 12 will be informed by Selena Burroughs when they are next in College)

Plans for the last two weeks of term: Year 12 and 13.

Up until Thursday 16th July	Lessons will continue as they have been with the Week A and B rota Monday to Thursday. Students in this time as well as their F2F lessons in College may also have a TEAMS meeting.
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Monday 20th July	History, Geography and Physics lessons only in College 1 – 3pm
Tuesday 21st – Wednesday 22nd July	Students will be invited, in their tutor groups, into a 3 hour morning (9 – 12.00) or afternoon (12.30 – 3.30pm) session, on one of these days. Students & Tutors will be informed which day next week. They will have a Progression meeting with their tutor and Director of Sixth Form. In addition, they will have development sessions on their next steps after Sixth Form, to include University applications , CV Building, etc that will prepare them for when they return in the Autumn Term. Students this week may also have a TEAMs session with their teachers.
Thursday 23rd July	Year 12 Psychology students invited in at 10:30-11:30 to meet with their new teacher Ms Taylor. 12.30 – 3.00pm. Year 13 Event to say an informal SD goodbye and to allow the return of books and other resources. Details to be confirmed with the students directly via E mail.

Plans for the last two weeks of term: Year 10

We have been very impressed with the attitude and commitment of Year 10 since their return to some F2F contact with their core subject teachers. Now it is appropriate to provide students some F2F contact with their option subject teachers. The plan being to gauge their progress in these subjects before the summer break.

From Monday 13 July to Monday 20 July (inclusive) Year 10 will have F2F contact with their option and BV teachers. You will receive an emailed letter explaining the arrangements, as you did for the return on 15 June. As some of you will be aware, we have had fantastic support from our local bus companies, and I am delighted to announce that they will continue to support us for the last two weeks of term. However, if you choose not to use the buses provided, as a matter of courtesy, please let us (or them directly) know, as we wouldn't want to abuse their generosity. Your option subject teachers are really keen to see you and hope you will take up this offer.

Plans for the last two weeks of term: Years 7, 8 and 9

I have decided to put together an end of term 'package' for a number of students in KS3. This is based on feedback from teachers and our pastoral team. We will be providing some Core time in English, Maths and Science, some plus wellbeing work and also LifeSkill's. Parents/carers of students involved will receive a letter, containing further details, next week.

Year 11 Parents / Carers – Step up to Sixth Form

- A series of presentations would have been sent to all Year 11 Parents / Carers this week via In Touch giving some virtual information about Life in Sixth Form to replace the planned Information Evening that was scheduled for last week. We hope it was both informative and



interesting and will help you all prepare for the exciting 2 years ahead. Prospective Sixth Formers will also be receiving their final session of work by Monday and a summary of the programme. This programme has covered both academic and study skills for the students to be in the best place to start with us in September.

- Teaching staff will very happily receive the work completed for their subject and give feedback if the student would like it. Communication received so far has been very positive, and I am really looking forward to the start of their term and welcoming them to our Sixth Form.
- Any questions about Post 16 Education and our Sixth Form provision, please contact me at the College at SBurroughs@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk

Latest on September

We are gearing up to welcome all students back next term and believe we can maintain a broad and balanced curriculum for our students. Currently, staff will be returning on September the 3rd and 4th for our usual training days, more essential than ever this year as there will no doubt be further guidance released during August and that will need implementing. We would then invite our new Year 7 cohort in for two days (Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September) before Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 return on Wednesday 9th September. Year 12 will also be in from Monday 7th (details regarding their first two days for them, and Year 13 involvement in the activities will follow in due course).

The measures set out in the DfE guidance, published yesterday, provide a framework for school leaders to put in place proportionate protective measures for children and staff, which also ensure that all students receive a high-quality education that enables them to thrive and progress. We will be adhering to the instructions set out in the guidance and are confident we will continue to manage risk effectively next term.

What parents and carers need to know about Early Years providers, Schools and Colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

The latest DfE guidance provides Information for parents and carers about the opening of Early Years providers, Schools and Colleges, safety in schools, attendance, transport, school meals and exams, and can be accessed from this [link](#).

Free school meals registration

It's important to make sure as many families as possible are aware of the support available to them during such a difficult time and continue to register for free school meals, particularly if they have not done so before. An information leaflet has been produced which can be viewed on our website or by clicking on this link: [Free school meals leaflet](#).

Extract from a parent's academic diary

This week sees me cleaning out the teenager's bedroom (full PPE required) and I find, lurking atop the wardrobe, his microscope. It's only plastic, but as I recall works exceedingly well and to get him interested I explain how, when viewed at the right magnification, bran mites look somewhat like triceratops.

Grabbing all manner of stuff from the kitchen and bathroom, we set about our studies with great enthusiasm; twenty minutes later and we've run out of things to look at.



'What now?' I ask.

'Bogies?' Suggests the teenager.

'Disgusting.'

Not one to discourage however, I flip a coin to see who gets to pick. Turns out I have a Pokemon up my nose! Oh, no wait a minute, that's an old slide with a piece of comic stuck to it.

Just before we pack away I put a scraping of flour on a slide and tell the teenager to try and spot the raising agent.

'It looks like little balloons,' I tell him. He looks, he yelps, he steps back in horror. Taken aback by this reaction I look myself and there, before my very eyes are the triceratops! I spend the rest of the day scrubbing out the kitchen cupboards and the teenager swears he'll never eat another cake again, ever. Well, not until teatime anyway.

Stay safe and keep an eye out for wee beasties.

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Stay safe and take care,



Glenn

