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I trust you and your family are well.

I imagine you are following the Government's weekly (sometimes daily) updates to guidance and then making full use of news analysis, family and friends in order to make sense of the changes. The same is true in education. Thankfully, we have now had the guidance for full opening in September and my team and I have been busy re-writing risk assessments and touring the campus so that we can welcome everyone back next term, confident we have minimised risk to all of our community. I provide further details on plan below.

College staff remain restless to make the post-Covid-19 world of education better than before.

## Plans for remainder of this term

Just a reminder that Year 10 will receive lessons with their option subject teachers next week. You should have received details pertaining to this already. Though this was not a government directive, staff were keen to have some time with their classes before the Summer break, as this will aid their recovery planning for next term. This means that the academic year will end for Year 10 on either Friday 17 July or Monday 20 July – whenever they have their last option lesson.

Any queries then email [admin@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk)



In addition, to give us all time to get classrooms prepared for a safe September opening (following the government's guidelines for schools) there will be no TEAMs virtual lessons in the last four days of term.

Year 12 students have all been told of their lessons up until the end of term and we look forward to welcoming back the Year 13's on the very last day of term, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July in the afternoon.

### **Plans for next term**

So far so good! We are still busy planning for a full return for September, with Year 7 and 12 being back in College from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. They will be joined by Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. We are really looking forward to having everyone back in College.

Of course we will be following the government [guidance](#) issued at the end of last week. Moreover, secondary headteachers in East Devon, and across the county, have been working collaboratively to ensure we all minimise any risks from the coronavirus whilst still delivering a broad and balanced curriculum to all year groups. Though this task entails considerable planning, I am confident the governors, staff and I will continue to implement sensible and proportionate control measures which follow the systems of controls to reduce the risk to the lowest reasonable, practicable level.

### **The Parents' Guide to**

This organisation's mission is to provide parents with the information you need to help your teenage children create happier and more successful futures ... so that every child has support both at home and at school and every parent knows how to guide their children in making the right choices for them.

Their latest and last newsletter for this academic year, has some fantastic free resources, useful articles and chat opportunities for your parents, which we hope you will share with them ahead of the summer holidays. To view this newsletter online with access to all their downloads, [click here](#).

### **Results Days**

Final details will be sent out to all students due to receive exam results either on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August (A levels and Level 3 BTEC's) or Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August (GCSE).

The details will include arrival times and the process to follow keeping to the latest guidelines with social distancing. As this may change before the end of term, please can we ask you to regularly check the College website for any changes necessary before the results days above. All up to date notices will be posted on [www.honitoncollege.com](http://www.honitoncollege.com)

### **Free School Meals**

For those students entitled to FSM we have ordered vouchers to take us through the Summer break. These will be emailed to you on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Should you have not received yours by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July then please contact [smanning@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk](mailto:smanning@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk) on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Prime Minister Boris Johnson to address all school leavers**

On Friday 10 July at 10am, the Prime Minister will be giving an address to all school leavers which will be broadcast on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

Please, if it is relevant, encourage your son/daughter to tune in!

A recording of the address will be available to view on both platforms.



### Extract from a Parent's Academic Diary

For a bit of fun this week we've been creating our own Batty Book Titles; you know the sort of thing:

- Koi Carp, by M. R. Goldfish
- How to Weed Effectively, by Anita Border.
- Indecisiveness, by R. U. Shore.

Not so certain about the teenager's input though; "My Mum, by U. R. Daft."

Talking of which, he has just finished a short film about the different ways his internet friends enter a room and I have to say it's hilarious, even if you don't know the people in question. Having the skills to perform, compose, write and edit will, I'm sure, save him a fortune in his future career.

This afternoon, wearing slippy socks, said teenager discovers that he can slide the length of the kitchen floor, and does so, ending with various well executed flourishes. I watch several performances with distracted amusement.

'That looks fun,' I say at length as he twists and dips to a halt just inches from the table, 'can I have a go?'

Being somewhat smaller I must have gathered more speed, and although the intended double Salchow worked well in my head, I misjudge the momentum needed to spin two full turns, avoid the table but proceed to face-plant into the kitchen wall. Yet another, don't try this at home mother and son fiasco, which thankfully, nobody was filming!

Stay safe and have some fun.

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Take care,



Glenn

