

# Queen Elizabeth High School

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Dear Parent / Carer

## End-of-half term update

I am writing to you with just a few final thoughts before we embark on the half-term break, following my letter to you earlier in the week.

## Face-to-face support for students in years 10 and 12

Please find attached to this correspondence, a letter for parents and carers of those in years 10 and 12 with an update on the above. I have included it here so that all parents across the year groups know what is happening.

## Children of key workers and those who are vulnerable

Thank you to parents and carers for details of who will be in over the next few weeks, including the half-term holiday week. Please remember that we will be back at the high school from 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### **Remote learning at home**

Yesterday, the government provided guidance for parents and carers looking after secondary age children at home. You can find the details <u>here</u>. With it being the half-term break next week, teachers will not be setting homework, as we think that the students deserve a well-earned break from their studies. However, there are a number of optional activities that they may choose to engage with if they wish, for instance continuing activities that have been set over the previous half-term, watching clips and completing 'check and challenge' on GCSE pod, or even watching free live theatre performances online. Year 12 students will be completing assessments during the course of next half term and therefore may choose to begin revising for those assessments. Mrs Minto will be in touch after the break with details of the next phase of online learning.

As always, we are here for you if you need us. Please contact us through the usual channels: <u>admin@qehs.net</u>, <u>pastoral@qehs.net</u> or on 01434 602533 (the office number at HMS where we will be based next week).

With best wishes to everyone at home.

Yours faithfully

Graeme Akins Executive Headteacher