



# Beauchamps High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Its been another busy week, staff and students are working hard with their remote learning and I thank you for all that are doing at home to support our provision. We are constantly trying to improve our online teaching; indeed, we have a virtual training session next week which will provide opportunities for staff to share best practice and further improve our remote lessons.

It has come to our attention that some schools have had some safeguarding concerns about online learning and it seems it is possible for people outside of an organisation to gain access to live lessons. Although this has not happened to us yet, attempts have been made on two occasions. We have looked into this and have taken further steps to ensure that this is not possible. Therefore, going forward, Teams lessons will **not** be pre-scheduled, students will not receive invites to join lessons in advance, this reduces the risk. Students should simply log into Teams, and join the relevant team at the start of each lesson, and join the lessons once it has been started by the teacher.

Teachers will also continue to put a summary of learning and work set onto Edulink each week so that parents/carers can continue to monitor this.

I am very aware that for some year groups it has been some time since we have had a parent/carer progress evening. If we stick to our published plan it may be some time before you have the chance to discuss your child's progress with us. Therefore, we have rearranged these as set out below. These will all be done remotely, as we did very successfully with Year 13 before Christmas, and details of how this will work will be sent out nearer the time:

Yr11 - Wednesday 10th February  
Yr7 - Wednesday 24th February  
Yr9 - Wednesday 10th March  
Yr10 - Wednesday 24th March  
Yr8 - Wednesday 14th April  
Yr12 - Wednesday 28th April

It is really important we have your email details correct in order to set these sessions up, if you need to update your details this can be done on the Edulink App.

We will also be inviting Year 11 students and parents/carers to 6<sup>th</sup> Form interviews in the next few weeks. Furthermore, Mrs Butler and all Subject Leaders are currently planning the Year 9 Options Process, which will all be done remotely, and more details will be sent out in the coming weeks.

For Year 11 and 13 students, unfortunately I still have no further details to share regarding how exam grades will be determined this summer. We sent home the link earlier in the week

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to enable you to engage in this consultation. Rest assured as soon as I have more information on the outcome of this process I will let you know the way forward.

Lastly, in an interview earlier this week, Gavin Williamson promised us that he would give schools and parents at least two weeks notice as to when schools would reopen. When asked about when this may be, in his response he suggested that it seems the government are hopeful, but not confident, that this will be before Easter. We have to be prepared for the fact that learning may continue to be online for several weeks to come.

All the staff at Beauchamps will continue to do our very best to support our students and your families, whether that be face to face or remotely.

Please stay safe.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MH', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Mat Harper**  
**Headteacher**