



# Queen Elizabeth II High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all seen the government press release with the great news that schools should be able to open as normal from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We hope that this will be the case. If so, students will return to their usual classes and wear usual school uniform.

Thank you so much for all your help and support to your children during this challenging period. We really appreciate your efforts. I hope that it means the children will not have lost too much of their education and we can quickly help them to catch up.

We will be holding the usual tutorial meetings on Thursday and Friday this week as your feedback tells us these have been helpful. For students in years 7-11 no new work will be set on those two days so the children can consolidate what they have done and make sure they have caught up. 'Lessons' for Y12 and 13 will continue on Thursday and Friday as they have been running during lockdown. Y11 can use the two days to revise for their mock exams for the IGCSEs which will now start on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February and run through until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. A separate message with their timetables will be sent to you.

The Ofqual consultation for awarding A level and GCSE qualifications is still open and we are unlikely to know the outcome until the beginning of March. The Welsh government has announced that it is changing their approach to the qualifications so WJEC are looking at what this might mean. I suspect it will be similar to whatever Ofqual decides but we will keep you posted. The IGCSEs and IA levels run by Cambridge are still planned to go ahead at the moment but CAIE is keeping this under review.

As a result of all of this, we have had to make some changes to the planned reports and parents' evenings. We will post the details on our website but our current plan is as follows:

Y10 parents' evening on 9<sup>th</sup> February

Y11 progress reports in early March

14-19 evening for options for current Y9 and Y11 on 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Y11 parents' evening on 11<sup>th</sup> March

Y12/13 parents' evening on 15<sup>th</sup> March

There will be reports for Y9 students by the end of February. Y7 and Y8 students will receive a progress report towards the end of this term.

As always, if you have specific concerns you wish to discuss with a member of staff, please contact us.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We look forward to seeing the children again soon.

Kind regards

Sue Moore