



GUISELEY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to thank you for your endeavours in supporting your children with their home learning tasks over the period of school closure. We have looked to adapt, develop and improve the home learning offer and have been delighted with the way students have adapted to using Microsoft Teams.

The first round of quizzes and the analysis of 'Microsoft Teams' use has shown us that more than 92% of students have been engaging with their work and teachers through the virtual platform. We know that this is hugely above the predicted national averages and is a credit to the way our families have adapted to new ways of working.

We have one more week of work until the May half term, when no work will be set and students and parents can take a well-deserved break from their home learning routines.

You will no doubt have picked up on the news over the last few days; significant announcements have been about the possible, partial re-opening of schools after half term. We are being asked to start planning for how we can get 'some' face to face time with Year 10 and Year 12 before the end of term to supplement their continued online learning.

We expect more detail and guidance from the DfE on what this could look like shortly. In the meantime we will start working our way through options and risk assessing the site. I will be in touch again to update parents when we have a clearer understanding of what we will be able to offer.

For Years 7, 8 and 9 it looks very likely that they will not physically return to school until September at the earliest and will therefore continue with online learning.

In the meantime, I hope this message finds you well. I am aware that some of our families have experienced loss at this time and our thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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