



GUISELEY SCHOOL

June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you that in the coming weeks we will be sending you a short written report in which teachers will provide a feedback on how your child has done in their different subjects this year as due to the current COVID restrictions we have been unable to hold this year's annual Year 7 Parents' Evening. We will also provide some information to show how your child has done in the online quizzes which have been completed on Microsoft Teams. These short multiple choice quizzes have allowed staff to understand how well students have engaged with the online learning. These have shown an incredibly high level of student engagement and we were very pleased to be able to send out over 100 postcards this week for students with an average score of over 85%. We thank you for your support with this.

Alongside our current online offer, Mrs Cook will be writing to you in the next 48 hours to share details of our 'live lesson' offer. This will see lessons delivered live to students in English and Maths each week.

We plan for students to sit a slightly extended quiz in English, Maths and Science. The English quiz will open on 29 June and close on the 3 July. The Maths and Science quizzes will open on 1 July and close on 8 July allowing students to manage their time over this period. The quizzes will test knowledge from earlier in the year as well as the period of school closure. These quizzes will help inform our planning for next year. We will review our groupings as we move through Year 8.

Details of the content of the quizzes is shown below.

Maths 30 multiple choice questions covering the areas below:

- Negative Numbers (working with, 4 operations).
- Fractions (4 operations, fractions of amounts, converting between fdp (fractions, decimals and percentages), improper fractions).
- Percentages (of amounts, increase and decrease, ordering fdp (fractions, decimals and percentages), expressing an amount as a percentage).
- Geometry (angle facts, 2D and 3D shapes).
- Basic algebra (simplifying, multiplying terms, single brackets, substitution, simple factorising).
- Statistics (averages, tally charts, pictograms, bar charts and line graphs).

Science 30 multiple choice questions covering the areas below:

- Forces
- Reproduction
- Digestion
- Heating and Cooling
- Periodic Table

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English 30 multiple choice questions covering the areas below:

- Spelling Punctuation and Grammar
- Creative writing techniques
- Studying the media
- Poetic devices
- Stone Cold

These subjects will be providing support over the coming week to help prepare students for these quizzes.

Additionally, our Year 7 Form Tutors would like to invite you to make a booking for a telephone call with them to discuss your child's wellbeing during this difficult time. Tutors have been communicating weekly with the students on Teams, but would welcome a conversation with you about how they are getting on too. We are aware that many parents/carers are beginning to return to work and so a telephone appointment can be made on the school's online booking system between the hours of 08:30 and 15:30 between Monday 29 June and Wednesday 1 July to try and provide some flexibility. Some booking times may be unavailable due to teacher's commitments in school.

If you wish to book a 10 minute telephone appointment with your child's Tutor, please do so by following the link <https://guiseley.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>, a link can also be found on the school website under Parents/ Carers. The system will open for bookings from 8pm on Wednesday 24 June. Log in by filling out the form with your email details and your child's name and date of birth. Once logged on you will be taken to a home page, click on continue which brings up appointment times. Then you have the option to make an appointment with the Tutor. Once finished you must save your changes. You will then be emailed confirmation of your bookings.

Finally, I would like to inform you that Years 10 and 12 returned to school last week and whilst we are only allowed to have limited numbers of students in the building at any time, over the course of the week we have seen over 75% of students returning to school for the face to face sessions. Whilst the Government has not yet provided any detail about what September will look like we will keep you informed with any updates as soon as we can.

As a school we thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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