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Dear Parents and Students,

Hello from Henry B! Edition 8

I hope you and your families are all keeping well.

Following on from the announcements yesterday the Senior Leadership are beginning to look at the implications for secondary school provision for the second half of the summer term. We have yet to receive any firm instructions on time scales for a return to school.

We need to consider many factors to ensure your child's safety and well-being as well as that of my colleagues. In the past few weeks we had already begun to consider how we might safely return students to school including how this would work on the site as well as bus provision.

At present I am receiving a great many documents from central government as well as the Local Authority that will need reading and the information distilling so that we can write a comprehensive action plan.

We are also actively looking at ways in which we can use online platforms to make contact with groups of children and this will need to be balanced with the commitment of teachers for in school provision as and when required. More information will follow on this in the next week.

The most important actions we can take as a school are ones that are calm and measured and ensure that we have covered every angle before we publish any further information.

Thank you for the appreciation you continue to show to my colleagues for all that they are doing to provide our young people with a structured learning programme.

Their commitment and drive to do what is best for our young people is central to their thinking and I wish to thank them for the long hours they are continuing to put in to ensure that the school provides for all of its young people.

I will write with further information as soon as I am able to write in a clear, comprehensive way that will avoid contradiction later down the line.

In the meantime in the next few days we will be launching an hbX day for the last day before the official half term break which will be called 'Feel Good Friday', the brainchild of Mrs

Taggart. You have all worked so hard over the last 6 school weeks that we felt that this would be an opportunity to just do something a little different.

You will not have to do all of the activities, it will be up to you but we hope that you will find these enjoyable and practical within the confines of lockdown and a break from the usual routine.

Please do take photos of any of the activities that you do as we would like to create a record of what it is like to work from home. You are after all making history and it is important that we record it for future generations. You never know it may well end up on a history syllabus in the years to come!

There is a bit of a book theme to this week's newsletter.

A message from Miss Bean:

Every year the National Book Tokens run a competition for schools to win £5000 worth of tokens for their school library to help encourage a love of reading amongst students. A school is chosen at random to win this prize, but the more nominations a school has the better chance we stand. You can nominate The Henry Beaufort School to be in a chance to win this prize by following this link: <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>. The form takes 1 minute to fill in and if we win the person who nominates us also wins £100 of book tokens.

Mrs Briggs is recommending the following to you:

'I saw this book and thought it might be a good read for students during this time; especially for you to be in the right mind-set when we start back to school. It has some lovely reviews.

You Are Awesome by *Matthew Syad*

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1526361159/ref=cm_sw_r_oth_api_i_71aTEbNNVFQGH'](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/1526361159/ref=cm_sw_r_oth_api_i_71aTEbNNVFQGH)

In the next newsletter Mrs Ireland will be telling you about a competition she will be running with prizes to be won!

There is also your hbX challenge for the week in the work at home folder.

This week's recipe from Mrs Golding is for cookies!

It has been lovely to see some of the projects you have been up to in the last few weeks and I am very taken with the work on coastal erosion using cake!

We have posted one of these on our school website. Congratulations to Fraser in Year 7 for a particularly innovative film on the topic!

As ever your enthusiasm, creativity and sense of fun keep me going and I look forward to the time when I can talk to you in person about the wonderful work you have been doing.

With my very best wishes to you and your families,

Miss Hearle
Headteacher