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Dear Parents and Students,

Hello from Henry B! Edition 11

I hope this newsletter finds you well and back in the routine of online working. Teachers of Year 10 are trialling the use of Microsoft teams this week and we are reviewing this at a meeting on Monday. We hope that it is going well.

At the moment we are preparing for 'face to face' time with Year 10 [as described by the Government]. The Government directive announced on the first Sunday of the half term stated that only 25% of the year group can be on the school site at any one time. At present our wonderful site team are working on how to make the site as safe as possible for both my colleagues and the young people who will be joining those children who have been in school since the start of lockdown. This requires a great deal of thought and planning to ensure that we can all maintain social distancing, comply to the need for social 'bubbles' and ensure appropriate hygiene measures are in place. Thank you to those of you in Year 10 who have already completed the google form from Mr Coe. We do need these to be completed to assist us in our planning.

Once we have all these forms we will be able to publish more detailed information next week including information on transport.

As we have been told that only Year 10 will have face to face time the school have taken this to mean that no other year groups will be in school before the summer holiday.

Some parents have contacted me to ask specifically about the plan for September. I am sorry but until we have a steer from the Government I am unable to give you any forward planning for the Autumn term. I appreciate that this is frustrating for us all but I imagine a great deal depends on the R number as we begin to have less lockdown restrictions. I will of course communicate with you as soon as I am able but please be aware that I only hear what is happening next when there is any news in the daily government briefing to the nation.

The students who have been on site since lockdown (a number of whom are now in their 15th consecutive week at school) have been busy in the vegetable garden at the back of the OLC. At Easter we planted potatoes and these are coming on well. Last week we planted tomato plants and there is now a competition to see who grows the most fruit on their tomato plant.

I want to thank all of the young people who have been in school through the Easter and Half term break. They are doing such a magnificent job of supporting their parents who are all front line key workers and with such grace and good humour. Thank you too to my colleagues who have given up holiday time to work with them.

This week's recipe is for Brownies which the children in school made over the Half term break and I can personally recommend them to you!!

Mrs Briggs is encouraging us to get involved in Empathy Day for our hbX challenge this week, available in the hbX folder in the work at home section of the website.

Information on Careers Advice and Guidance from EBP

EBP South, have provided details of their YouTube channel which includes Advice and Guidance through free videos for students and their parents. The advice includes subjects such as applying to college, apprenticeships, writing CV's and personal statements etc. This helps to support you when considering your next steps. The flyer is attached to this communication and includes EBP South's YouTube channel link as well as a contact email address.

Don't forget we are all in this together. Don't believe me? Look on the website / work at home area/ staff videos!!

Enjoy!

With my best wishes to you and your families,

Miss Hearle
Headteacher