

26th June Update from Ms. Williams

Dear Parent Carer,

I'm pleased to say we've had another successful week in school with our Year 10 and 12 students and are now beginning to turn our attention to plans for the last three weeks of term, the summer holiday and exam results days, as well as September. As usual at the end of the week, I'm therefore emailing with some updates and reminders which I hope you find helpful.

Summer Holidays & End of Term

We have now had confirmation that schools are not required to stay open for key worker or vulnerable children over the summer holidays and so IGS will close to students for the summer from 12.30pm on Friday July 17th, so that all of our staff and students can have a very well-earned break.

If you as a family are planning a holiday abroad over the summer, can I please ask you to bear in mind the 14 day self-isolation / quarantine [regulations](#) that are currently in place and ensure that this does not affect your son or daughter's ability to attend school at the start of September.

September Planning

We still don't yet know exactly what September will bring, though the Prime Minister has announced the intention for schools to be fully back to capacity. We hope therefore, that we will be able to welcome back Year 7 and Post 16 students' on their first day, on Monday 7th September with all other year groups' first day being Tuesday 8th September, but will be in touch once we've received the expected guidance on this next week.

Results Days

We are in the early stages of planning a possible remote results day for both GCSE and A Level. This is given the fact that we would have to enforce at least a 1 metre distance between everyone if this was done physically in school, with individual set times needing to be issued throughout the day for collection of results to ensure no congestion / gatherings etc. This really does make the idea of celebrating in school with your friends and family a tricky concept and would mean some students not getting their results until much later in the day than others. Our current planning therefore involves emailing results out to all students first thing in the morning, with key staff then being available for support either through Teams or possibly in school by appointment. Again we will be in touch with more details as soon as we have finalised plans.

Year 11 Transition Event

This takes place on Wednesday 1st July and students will have received their Teams invitations.

Friday 3rd July - Year 7 feedback day & Staff Training Day

This is a Training Day where there will be no remote lessons or work set for remote learning for any year group, though we do have some groups of Year 10 students in school for English, maths and science to ensure that they have the same amount of core provision as students on other days.

It is also our **Year 7 subject feedback day**:

As you are aware, due to the current situation, we were forced to cancel both the Year 7 Parents' Evening and the usual subject progress tracking report sent each term. As a result, we are looking to provide Year 7 parents with feedback on how their son/daughter has performed in each of their subjects over their first academic year at Ilkley Grammar School.

The feedback from teachers will be available in various formats as below, as we are using this as an opportunity to trial different ways of providing parental feedback remotely.

- A voice note or written feedback on Showbie – you need to have joined Showbie as a parent if you haven't done this yet
- Emailed written feedback
- Written comment sent via the Schoolcomms email system
- A phone call from their teacher
- Video call on the Parents' Evening System

Hopefully you have already successfully signed up to Showbie and can see / hear the work specific feedback that your son/daughter is receiving from their subject teacher on a regular basis. If you haven't yet signed up please refer to the email received on 18th June from Schoolcomms with your parent code.

Feedback will begin to be available in some subjects from **Tuesday 30th June** with the deadline for all subjects being the end of the day on **Monday 6th July**.

Year 10 and 12 Lessons

We will be in touch next week regarding our plans for lesson delivery during the last 2 weeks of term. Having successfully enabled all Year 12 students to have lesson in all of their subjects over the first 3 weeks of provision, we will look to plan EPQ presentations in school during these two weeks for year 12 with all other lessons reverting to remote learning. For Year 10, who so far have accessed English, Maths and Science, we are trying to ensure curriculum time for all Year 10 options subjects, though the logistics behind this alongside social distancing are proving extremely challenging indeed so we will be in touch next week to confirm exact plans.

Residential Broadband Outage in Ilkley Area (IGS unaffected - so far!)

We are aware that there has been a significant outage with Virgin Broadband in Ilkley today, with early reports that this may continue for a number of days so we have made staff aware of this in case it disrupts remote learning / live lessons next week.

Thanks as always for your ongoing support of all we are trying to do to support our students throughout this period of enforced closure.

I hope you have a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards,

Helen Williams

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