



OLD BUCKENHAM
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Dear Parents and Carers

As we finish the first half of the Summer term I thought it important to write to you to firstly thank you for your support of both our school and our students while they have been learning at home. We have received lots of examples of lovely work being completed at home and the supportive emails certainly have helped staff with their continual hard work. I am extremely proud of our school in the way it has responded to the crisis and when we emerge I am sure the school will be even better. However, it is clear that the disruption will go further into the Summer and it is highly unlikely that we will re-open before September. The current national guidance for Year 10 remains unclear and after surveying our parents there are mixed views about what a return to school looks like. As with all matters I will keep you up to date on the arrangements if they change. Our current provision will remain in place after half term, with some slight variations per year group.

Year 7 – lessons will continue to be set via Go 4 Schools and paper copies sent to those who do not have access to online learning. Microsoft Teams will be used in some subjects, teachers will make contact when this facility is in place. Form tutors will run a weekly session via Teams or by email.

Year 8 – as above. In addition, Year 8 students will select a language option and a technology/IT option in preparation for September. Mr Cowan will be in contact after half term to explain this in more detail.

Year 9 – as above. Option subjects are delivered via Microsoft Teams and all students should be accessing this.

Year 10 – as above. Please note that Year 10 mocks will not take place, although there is likely to be some form of online assessment pending more details about the return of Year 10 to school.

During the following half term there would have been lots of enjoyable activities which will no longer take place; sports day, enrichment and overseas trips. I want to reassure students that we will endeavour to make their return to school in the Autumn as exciting as possible. Year 6 transition would also have been happening and I can reassure parents that Mr Alderson and the transition team are in contact with all our new students and families to ensure they are ready to join us in the Autumn.



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I hope you have some time to rest and recuperate during half term, although for many families it will continue to be a very challenging and difficult time. Please let us know if we can help in any way.

Yours sincerely,



Mr A Fell
Headteacher



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