

Hampton Sixth Form Year 13 Newsletter

27th April 2020

We hope you are all keeping well and following the Government's advice. Remember to only leave home once a day for exercise, stay 2m away from others and wash your hands regularly.

Please check your school emails daily, as your teachers and 6th Form team will be communicating with you via email.

Working from home

We now no longer need to collect any work from you. That includes BTEC coursework and NEA A Level coursework. Therefore, your teachers will not be requesting that you complete any more work. Please keep any completed work safe, in case it is called as evidence.

Open Days

You may not have had a chance to visit your chosen university so have a look online as they are running virtual open days, more info here: <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital?keywords=>

A Levels

Ofqual has provided guidance on how grades will be awarded this year: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020>

"...schools and colleges are being asked to provide centre assessment grades for their students. These should be fair, objective and carefully considered judgements of the grades schools and colleges believe their students would have been **most likely to achieve if they had sat their exams**, and should take into account the full range of available evidence.

Exam boards will be contacting schools, ... asking them to submit ... the following:

- a centre assessment grade for every student in each of their subjects: that is, the grade they would be most likely to have achieved if they

had sat their exams and completed any non-exam assessment. Judgements should balance different sources of evidence such as:

- classwork
- bookwork
- any participation in performances in subjects such as music, drama or PE
- any non-exam assessment – whether or not complete
- the results of any assignments or mock exams
- previous examination results – for example, for any re-sitting students or those with relevant AS qualifications
- any other records of student performance over the course of study
- the rank order of students within each grade for each subject ... This information will be used in the statistical standardisation of centres' judgements – allowing fine tuning of the standard applied across all schools and colleges
- a declaration from the Head of Centre making the submission

Schools and colleges have been told that they **must not share their centre assessment grades with students, parents or carers**, under any circumstances, **until after results are issued**. This is to protect the integrity of centres' judgements, and to avoid anyone feeling under pressure to submit a grade that is not supported by the evidence. Since the final grades for some or all students in a centre **could be different from those submitted**, it also helps to manage students' expectations."

BTECs

Ofqual has provided further guidance on how grades will be awarded: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/awarding-vocational-and-technical-qualifications-this-summer>

"Calculated results will draw on a range of evidence, depending on the structure of the qualification. They may be based in part on teacher... judgements of the result each learner **would most likely have achieved** had they been able to complete their assessments in summer 2020. Any centre assessment grade will be based on a **range of evidence held by the school** ... Depending on the structure of the qualification, **centres may be asked to provide a centre assessment grade**

for the whole qualification, or for uncompleted modules or units. There might be some instances where they are asked to provide a rank order of learners (as with GCSEs, AS and A levels). Where appropriate, **statistical techniques based on students' results in previous years, on these and on their academic qualifications, will form part of the adopted approach."**

Results Day

Results Day has been confirmed as **Thurs 13th August**. UCAS will not be contacting you until **8am** on this day. Older siblings may tell you it is from midnight, but they changed it to 6am last year and 8am this year so please get a good night's sleep!

UCAS Resources

UCAS has created some resources to explain the calculated grades. Have a look here: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/coronavirus-covid-19/calculated-grades-your-questions-answered>

They also have some great links to Student Minds, a mental health resource for students: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/coronavirus-covid-19/looking-after-your-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Student Finance

The gov website has all the information you need: <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

There is a FAQ for Covid on <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-prospective-students>

UCAS Deadlines

If you have not already replied to your offers, you have an extended deadline to 18th June. After that deadline, if you have not replied, your offers will be withdrawn. Please choose your favourite course and be ambitious. Have a safer insurance option, just in case.

Universities have been asked not to send out any unconditional offers.

Late applicants can still apply until 30th June and will then enter Clearing. Let me know if you want to put a late application in.

Social Media

You now have more time on your hands and I suspect may be quite bored by now. Please try to set timers on your social media to restrict the time you can spend on it. Particularly at this time, it can be quite stressful and create anxiety. If you are using it, please look at sites relevant to your chosen

career / degree course / university / exam board/ experts in your subject. Use it wisely!

Some of you that are going off to the world of work may want to set up a LinkedIn account. Please remember future employers **will** look at it so make sure it is honest, factual and that you have an appropriate picture.

Assembly

I have emailed the weekly assembly to you on your school emails and will continue to do this every week. They are important PSHE topics that will help you in later life, (or even now). This week's topic is on Carrying Weapons – interesting stats on knife crime in Hampton.

Students of the week

Well done to the following students who are working hard from home and have been nominated by their subject teachers:

E Stainsby - Physics
S Bishop - Psychology
M Rydzon - Maths
E Segida - Maths
B Gothard - PE
J McQuillan - PE
P Woloch - BTEC Business
R Knights - Biology
M Lilley - Biology & Criminology
J Sampson - Business & Lit/Lang
A Shepherd - Business
A Mackosso - Business
G Newall - Business
L Branston - Lit/Lang
R Rawlins - Lit/Lang
P Gill - Drama
M Sergeant - Criminology
S Shahzad - Criminology
S Seliga - Geography & Chemistry

Beyond Post 16

Remember that the Beyond Post 16 Google Classroom page has all of the information you need for your next steps (code: **j2sfwya**) where you will find information about student finance and apprenticeships / employment.

Good News

You can nominate any teachers or staff at studentnominations@hamptoncollege.org.uk it's a great way to say thank you to those that you feel have gone out of their way to support you.

Well done to Paige Jones who has received an offer from a university in America. It will be a fantastic adventure.

Future Learn

<https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects> has some great courses that you can study at home. In preparation for your university courses, choose some courses that are relevant to what you would like to study at university. Alternatively have a look at the reading list for your chosen course and get a head start on some of the texts. You can get second hand copies online to save you some money.

Not Going To Uni?

Please let me know if you need any help with CV's job applications or apprenticeship applications. Please can you email me and let me know what your plans are?

Leaver's Day

Whilst we do not know when, and if, we will be able to hold this, we would normally prepare awards and some videos that we can still share with you, electronically.

Please email Mrs Weston any videos that you would like to include in our Leaver's Video. They can be funny clips, messages to each other or your best memory of Hampton Sixth Form. We have some old embarrassing photos of you all that we will be including! ☺ **Please film them landscape, phone sideways, so it looks better.**

Leaver's Night

We have had to cancel Leaver's Night, I so sorry and as disappointed as you are. The finance office is busy issuing you with full refunds. We hope to re-organise the event if we get back before September. It may have to be in a different venue but will be just as much fun.

Message from Mrs B

Hi everyone, hope you are all well and enjoying the time at home. I have been given the opportunity to re-home three ex battery hens that would otherwise have been sent to become pet food.

I would really love some ideas for names for them so if you would like to email your suggestions to me at sbritten@hamptoncollege.org.uk I will choose my favourite three. The winning suggestion will receive a photo of the hens!

Next newsletter – week beginning 4th May. Keep an eye on the DFE website and the exam board websites.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofqual>

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/news-policy/press-releases/2020/update-from-pearson-regarding-the-covid-19-coronavirus-outbreak.html>

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/news/coronavirus-advice/>

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/coronavirus-updates>

Mind

Mind provide advice and support to anyone experiencing a mental health problem.

0300 123 3393 (information)

www.mind.org.uk

Samaritans

Talk to us anytime you like, in your own way and off the record – about whatever's getting to you.

08457 90 90 90 (talk anytime)

www.samaritans.org

Get Connected

Get Connected is the UK's free, confidential helpline service for young people under 25 who need help, but don't know where to turn.

0808 808 4994 (counselling)

www.getconnected.org.uk

Childline

0800 1111 (information, counselling)

www.childline.org.uk

Mindful

Are you feeling down, depressed or worried? Is your mind full of negative thoughts or questions? Do you want to talk about your mental health? If so, MindFull is the place for you!

(telephone counselling)

www.mindfull.org

Young Minds

YoungMinds is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people.

(parent helpline)

www.youngminds.org.uk

And for anxiety – why not try any of the above or also

Anxiety Care UK

07552 877 219

www.anxietycare.org

AnxietyUK

08444 775 774

www.anxietyuk.org.uk

Nopanic

0800 138 8889

www.nopanic.org.uk