

Hampton Sixth Form Year 13 Newsletter

30th March 2020

Welcome to our new weekly newsletter for Year 13 students. We are sending it to parents and students' school emails in the hope that all Year 13 students will be able to access it.

We hope you are all 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.

Keep Calm and Carry On

We hope to keep your education going as best we can in the difficult circumstances we have found ourselves. In a year's time, this will hopefully be a distant memory and you will be at university or at work in your fab new job. We want to minimise the impact of this on you as best we can over these next few weeks and possibly months.

Examinations

As you are aware, all schools are currently closed until further notice. All exams this summer have been cancelled, so that includes any of your A Level examinations you were due to sit and any GCSE re-sit exams.

Working from home

Please complete all **NEA / coursework** set by your teachers. Work has been set on your usual learning platform for each subject e.g. Edmodo, Google Classroom, and OneNote etc. If you are not sure of the classroom codes, please look at the school website. Your teachers expect you to submit **BTEC coursework and any other NEA / coursework to the deadlines they have set.**

Please remember that even if you have an unconditional offer, your A Level grades will be with you for life (on your CV). Give yourself the best opportunity to get grades that reflect your ability by completing your coursework to the best of your ability.

Grades

We have not yet heard from the exam boards but the government stated:

A and AS level students are awarded a grade which fairly reflects the work that they have put in. There will also be an option to sit an exam early in the next academic year for students who wish to.

*Ofqual will develop and set out a process that will provide a calculated grade to each student, which reflects their performance as fairly as possible, and will work with the exam boards to ensure this is consistently applied for all students. **The exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their students well, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead.***

*To produce this, teachers will take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment – clear guidance on how to do this fairly and robustly will be provided to schools and colleges. The exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in. **The aim is to provide these calculated grades to students before the end of July.***

*We recognise that some students may nevertheless feel disappointed that they haven't been able to sit their exams. If they do not believe the correct process has been followed in their case **they will be able to appeal on that basis.** In addition, if they do not feel their calculated grade reflects their performance, they will have the **opportunity to sit an exam at the earliest reasonable opportunity, once schools are open again.** Students will also have the option to sit their exams in summer 2021.*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-details-on-exams-and-grades-announced>

Devices

You now have more time on your hands and I suspect may be quite bored by now. Please try to turn off your devices when you are completing coursework. 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.

Challenge

Mr Norris has created a poetry challenge for us all whilst we are at home. Email enquiries@hamptoncollege.org.uk with any poems that you would like enter.

You can read his entry on the school's Facebook and Instagram page.

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 GDPR, something you will need to understand when you are working.

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 & Lang/Lit
A Mackosso	- Psychology
S Satt	- Psychology
A Ardern	- Psychology
C Bellamy-West	- Criminology
S Birch	- Criminology
H Welborn	- Criminology
I Anderson	- Criminology
O Clark	- Criminology
H Gidney	- Criminology
E Gedeminskaite	- Criminology
M Sergeant	- Criminology
G MacNamee	- Criminology
M Lilley	- Criminology
S Shahzad	- Criminology
H Corner	- Chemistry
J Duckett	- DT
P Gill	- Drama
J McQuillan	- Criminology & PE
A Branston	- History

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

The Sixth Form have won an award for Educational Outcomes for 2019 results from the SSAT. We have been recognised nationally for our outstanding results. We were found to be amongst the **best performing non-selective sixth forms in the country**. Go Team Sixth Form! (Also from your point of view, this has to work in your favour! We have form in achieving top grades 😊)

Send us your good news stories and we will include them in the next newsletter.

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.

Help

Honestly, we are all lost without you and miss answering all of your questions and helping you out! Please contact myself or any of the 6th Form team if you need anything from a well-being or mental health point of view.

If you have any general queries, we will try our best to answer them.

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STAY SAFE

STAY AT HOME

Next newsletter – week beginning 6th April – have a relaxing, two weeks off for Easter. Keep an eye on the DFE website and the exam board websites. Ofqual should provide an update this week:

<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>

Subject Notices

ATTENTION ALL HISTORIANS

Following on from the email Miss Knowles last week, please keep going with your coursework. We do not know what role this will play in your final grade but use it as an opportunity to show you at your very very best. Miss Knowles has created a Google Classroom and you all have been sent an invite. Alternatively, the code is h7br4cl.

The absolute deadline for this is 9am on 1st April. Please contact Miss Knowles or Miss Micklewright if you have any queries.

