

Hampton Sixth Form

Year 12 Newsletter

30th March 2020

Welcome to our new weekly newsletter for Year 12 students. We are sending it to parents and students' school emails in the hope that all Year 12 students will be able to access it.

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

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. In a year's time, this will hopefully be a distant memory and you will be preparing for your final exams. We want to minimise the impact of this on you and your vital learning 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 AS examinations you were due to sit and any GCSE re-sit exams. The re-sits will be taken in the autumn term now and we will not sit the AS exams. We will update you when we hear any more.

Level 2 Students

I am sure several of you are concerned about your courses. Please make sure that you have completed all of your coursework and emailed it to your teachers. Please email them directly for information about deadlines.

From the Government's guidance so far, we believe there will be an opportunity to sit GCSE exams in the autumn term, so you will be able to re-sit your GCSEs then. If you have applied to us for 6th Form next year, we do expect that you have completed all coursework for your other BTEC courses to the best of your ability and met all deadlines set.

If you have applied to PRC, you will need to contact them directly about your application. However, at the moment, I suspect they will not have any answers, so you will have to wait until we are clearer about how the exam boards are going to assess GCSE grades. This should hopefully be clarified in a week or two.

Reminder:

PE – Unit 3 corrections needed.

IT – Coursework to be completed to at minimum a pass by 3rd April

Working from home

Please complete all work 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 are expected to work from home, so will be setting regular work and expect you to be submitting essays and assignments as you normally would.

We have noticed that some students have not logged in or are not engaging with the work. Please be aware that we can see your activity on these websites and we expect you to be submitting the work, as requested.

Structure

Even though you are working from home, you should be following your normal school timetable, as best you can. So if you normally have two hours of History, one hour of SSP and two hours of Maths on a Monday, that is what you should do. Remember you should be spending five hours per subject, per week studying out of lessons. For most of you, that is a total of 15 hours a week in addition to your 15 hours of lessons. That equals 30 hours per week. Please try your best to complete as much of this as you can. (If you are ill then of course you cannot do this.)

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 studying. 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

Luckily, we got to complete the collapsed day before we had to close so you have had an introduction to the UCAS process. We set up a Google Classroom page that you can access that has all of the information you will need.

In June (hopefully) we are due to spend a week looking at the application process in more detail but between now and then you should be **researching universities and courses that you are interested in.**

Please make sure you have logged into the Beyond Post 16 Google Classroom page, which has all of the information you need to learn about your next steps. Code: **j2sfwya**

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!

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

Wider Reading

Now is a great time to expand our interests and read books / watch YouTube videos that we would not normally have time for. Mr Walls has suggested typing in A Level ... and whatever subject you study to see what interesting videos are out there to enhance your learning.

Future Learn

<https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects> has some great courses that you can study at home. In preparation for your university applications, we will be asking you to study at least two of these over the summer term, as they will enhance your personal statement. Choose courses that are relevant to what you would like to study at university. Make sure you take a note of their title and which university is offering them so you can reference them. They are free and you do not need to pay for the certificate at the end. It is the learning in the course that you will use to help you with your statement.

Help

Honestly, we are all lost without you and miss answering all of your questions and helping you out!
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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 good two weeks off for Easter. If you have not completed work from the last two weeks, please make sure you are caught up.