

Queen Elizabeth High School



Good afternoon parents/carers,

As the February half term break draws to an end, I hope this update finds you and your families safe and well.

News in Summary and Updates

- **Welsh Government confirm online learning to continue for all secondary schools after half term**
- **Term begins Monday 22nd February with a return to online learning.**

It remains pleasing to see that infection rates are continuing to fall, and vaccination levels continue to rise throughout Wales. We hope these trends continue in order give us the best opportunity to return to face to face and on site learning as soon as it is considered safe.

As a school looking forward to the coming half term this half term, we will of course maintain a high quality education for learners and we hope that you will continue to support us as we strive to do our very best for all our learners.

As we commence half term from Monday 22nd and return to learning on line, we hope that you all have taken the opportunity for a break. Online learning will begin on Monday with morning registration at 9:00am for year 7.

As we continue to work remotely, our advice to pupils including those in exam classes is to focus on applying themselves fully to the online work set by teachers which focuses on learning and providing opportunities for pupils and students to practice their skills. Don't forget that teachers are available during timetabled lessons to answer any questions and to provide support. If any further support is required then please contact your child's Head of Learning or the school.

We would like to reassure pupils and parents that we will endeavour to reward pupils for work they have completed. We will also strive to create opportunities and provide the support that will enable all learners to produce work that reflects their potential.

From Monday, we will also resume our Hub provision for vulnerable learners and children of essential workers and will commence making the usual wellbeing calls with pupils. If there is any support you need that you feel we can help with, please contact us at Office@qehs.carms.sch.uk. In addition, our reception will be open from 9:00am on Monday 22nd February.

Wellbeing Support

As usual during a holiday period, we will not be making welfare checks with students as we do during term, but if there is support you need that you feel we can help with, please contact us at office@qehs.carms.sch.uk but please bear in mind that this will not be monitored constantly, so there may be a delay in any responses.

Pupils are also able to self-refer themselves to the area 43 counselling service via the link below:

<https://www.area43.co.uk/counselling/>

This Half Term

Our return to teaching online commences on Monday 22nd February with drop in wellbeing sessions for Year 7 at 9:00am and teaching commencing at 9:10am.

Thur 25th February – Sixth form Virtual Open Evening

4th March Year 12/13 Parents'/Carers' On-line Evening

18th March – Year 7 Parents'/Carers' On-line Evening

Year 9 Options

The deadline for submission of initial option choices is this **Monday 22nd February**. Important information about options is available on our website. Please follow the link below to some important information and guidance:

<https://www.qehs.carms.sch.uk/student-information/year-9/year-9-options/>

Support is also available to all pupils either by contacting their Head of Learning online or by contacting the school directly. There is also very good advice on offer from the Careers Wales service:

<https://careerswales.gov.wales/courses-and-training/year-8-and-9-subject-options>

Test Trace Protect

If your child has any of the symptoms of Covid then please book a test via the contact number below.

If your child receives a positive test result for Covid 19 then please email the school **even during the current lock down arrangements**.

Parents in Carmarthenshire are asked to inform both the school and Delta Wellbeing should your child receive a positive result for COVID-19. If your child receives a positive test result for Covid 19 then please email the school using the email address Office@qehs.carms.sch.uk and inform Delta be email on:

TTP@deltawellbeing.org.uk or by telephone on 0300 333 2222

If your child is identified as a contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, they will need to self-isolate at home for 10 days. This means they can't leave the house; they can't go the shops or exercise anywhere outside your home/garden, and they can't have any visitors to your home/garden. Everyone else in the household can continue as normal in line with the fire-break regulations - however if your child becomes symptomatic, the whole household would then need to self-isolate.

Find out more, visit the Carmarthenshire County Council website:

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/education-schools/re-opening-schools/?type=45926>

If in doubt about what advice to follow then please contact the school.

QEH School	01267 245300 Office@qehs.carms.sch.uk
Delta Wellbeing (if your child has COVID symptoms)	0300 333 2222
To book a test call or Use the booking portal	Call 119 Booking Portal: https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-test

I would like to use this opportunity to reiterate a thank you all, once again, for your ongoing support. It is hugely appreciated. We appreciate that this still remains an uncertain time for families and your co-operation in our ongoing efforts is always and genuinely appreciated. Kind regards,

Dave Williams

Headteacher

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