

27th April 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

I would like to begin this letter by wishing all families well during these challenging times. I am sure that you have seen in the national media that a date for schools to reopen has not been set. In this letter I will share key information for each year group for the upcoming term.

At Barnhill, we are determined that education continues to the highest standards. Our Home Learning programme has now been delivered for three weeks. Staff are working very hard, so please do count on work to be provided and assessments marked. If you have any queries or suggestions, please use the school's email address; enquiries@barnhill.school. The switchboard is only manned for a couple of days each week, so email is the best method to make contact with the school. There is also a helpline email that will assist with any technical queries: helpline@barnhill.school.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Home Learning will continue as normal for students in these year groups. Following feedback from staff, parents and students, we will be adapting the programmes of study, allowing students more time to complete set work.

Year 11

As the year 11 examinations season has been cancelled, students in year 11 will begin their new Sixth form courses on Monday the 4th of May. All students who were due to study sixth form courses have been telephoned to confirm their choices. Students who are not intending to continue sixth form courses will continue to be taught GCSEs in maths and English. Careers advice will be provided to students who are not sure. If any student in year 11 is unsure, please make contact with Mrs Dixon, Pastoral Support Manager for KS4. Her email address is ldixon@barnhill.school.

Year 13

As the year 13 examinations have been cancelled, students in year 13 will now be directed to prepare for their university courses. Any student who is unsure about their future courses has access to UCAS and careers guidance from the sixth form team. If any student in year 13 is unsure, please make contact with Miss Fitzgerald, Academic Mentor for KS5. Her email address is cfitzgerald@barnhill.school.

Free school meals

If your child is entitled to free school meals, the school will provide supermarket vouchers. Please register your email address using the webpage here: [Free School Meals page](#). You may also apply for free school meals if you are not currently eligible.

Yours faithfully



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