

2 April 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

This is a very strange end of term letter to write with very few students in the building, but nevertheless it is important to update you on the end of term arrangements and beginning of new term arrangements.

#### **End of term**

- Lessons will finish at 12:15pm noon on Friday 3 April for all students.
- Please ask your child to take the time to thank their teachers. I know many parents have remarked how The Cumberland School teachers have gone above and beyond in this time of national crisis.
- We also say goodbye to Mr E Rahman (Science), Mr A John (Science), Mr A Ledlie (Geography), Mr M Miah (English), Ms H Merryfield (Drama) and Mr R Islam (Maths) who are leaving us at Easter. We wish them lots of luck in their new schools and thank them for their tireless service to the children of The Cumberland School.

#### **Easter Holidays**

- The school will be closed to all students unless it is being accessed by students with parents working in the NHS and other critical occupations.
- There will be no online lessons in the holidays.
- Lessons will begin again on Monday 20th April 2020 at 8:30. We predict they will still be online.
- There is an online guide for you to familiarise yourself with how it all works on the website.  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FzR4gA1KdvnDKhTlyXEyEUd6rTUumxyn-XC4f9Bjtyw/edit>
- There will be no extra homework set at this time but students can finish any work and add it to the DPR ready for the interim grade capture in the first week back.

#### **Year 11**

- Year 11 should still be working towards their final grade.
- It is important that they continue to engage with learning and upload evidence.
- There has been no announcement yet about how grades will be determined. It is likely to be a combination of factors. What will be important is the progress that they continue to make in the coming weeks. I will be in touch when I have more concrete information.
- I wrote to students last week offering them tips and advice. Please do let the school know if your child needs help or support during this time.

### Free school meals

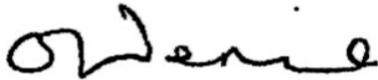
- If your child has free school meals we will be in touch about their free school meal going forward.
- Families will need an email address. Please call the school to update us if your email address has changed.

### Help and advice

- If your family needs any help or advice, in the first instance, please call or email the school and we will do all we can to help.
- If your child is having trouble getting online or is sharing a computer with other members of the family, please email [contact@cumberlandcst.org](mailto:contact@cumberlandcst.org)

I know that this is a very uncertain and difficult time for families. I hope that knowing that we are doing all we can to ensure your child's education won't suffer during this situation will be of some comfort.

Yours sincerely



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