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Dear Parent/Carer,

School Closure Update

We would like to applaud all key workers who are working above and beyond to combat Coronavirus. We would also like to thank our parents/carers who are continuing to support the current crisis by staying at home and staying safe. Our thoughts are with you and your families at this time. Following yesterday's Government announcement about the lockdown extension, we wanted to provide you with an update of our current position.

From Monday 20th April, the school will re-open in order to continue to support our key workers and vulnerable students.

Our provision for vulnerable students or students whose parents are key workers

- During this exceptional period of closure we are not operating as schools, but as a community childcare
 provider for those children whose parents are key workers and do not have anyone at home to look
 after their child.
- The school will be open from 8.30am to 3.10pm.
- Students will work from the 6th form Study Centre on their online Moodle resources and must sign in every morning at the upper site reception.
- It is hoped that we will be able to accommodate all requests for a place at school as long as we are able to adequately staff to a level that ensures safety for all.

Learning Continuity Plan

Thank you for supporting your child with their learning. We hope that over Easter you and your family managed to take a break from online learning, have fun and remain active and safe. Staff have been receiving some fantastic work and entries to the various Easter competitions we shared with you in our last letter. We will share some of these via our next Sway e-newsletter at the end of next week.



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Staff will continue to support your child in their learning through Moodle and other virtual learning platforms. If your child has forgotten their login details for Moodle or needs a password reset, please email your child's full name, username and form group to itsupport@bealhighschool.co.uk.

Attached please find a list of department addresses which we have already shared with you and is available on our school website. In order to stay connected with teachers, please encourage your child to do so by emailing the relevant department and addressing their email to their subject teacher. Staff will mark and return any work completed.

We have investigated the additional learning platform, Show My Homework and will be launching this very soon. We will provide details of this next week.

Please also encourage your child to stay connected with staff at the school by keeping an eye on our daily wellbeing Youtube sessions which can be opened by clicking on the following link. This has continued over the Easter holidays and we hope students have enjoyed these:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oo7u1fYavel

GCSE and A Level Results 2020:

We can confirm that A Level students will get their results on 13 August, and GCSE students will get theirs on 20 August as previously published.

Free School Meal Vouchers

We have set up a voucher system for those parents with children who are eligible to free school meals and these will continue whilst the country remains in lockdown. Parents will receive these on a weekly basis and they are redeemable in many supermarkets. Unfortunately the Edenred system has been inundated and we apologise for any delay this may have caused in you receiving these vouchers, however if you have emailed us with the details below then you should have received these by now. We have sent you a FAQ help sheet which should answer any questions you may have about redeeming these and there is an Edenred email address you can use should you with to contact the company. If your child is eligible and you would like to receive these please ensure you email the following details to admin@bealhighschool.co.uk if you have not done so already:

- Your child's name and Tutor group
- Parent name
- Parent email address

Leaflet on what to do to help stop the spread of coronavirus, including information on symptoms and government support:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-leaflet

Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance

Updates to this advice

If the situation changes in a way which will impact on our approach, we will inform parents/carers as soon as possible through the school website and via Groupcall. In the meantime as we go into the new term in these extra-ordinary circumstances, staff will continue to keep in touch with all students, particularly those that are most vulnerable.

Look after yourselves and your families.

Kindest regards,

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