

Weekly Update



Friday 13th March 2020

News

Emergency Arrangements – Covid-19

Please see attached important information from Invictus which we have been asked to circulate to all parents/carers.

Dates for Your Diary

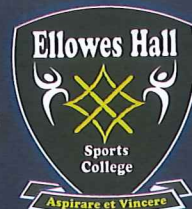
March

- 16th – 26th - Y10 mock examinations
- 23rd – 31st - Y7-10 girls & boys' indoor cricket
- 27th - Y9 photographs
- 31st - Y7/8 interim reports issued

April

- 1st – 3rd - Girls and boys' indoor cricket Y7-10
- 1st - Easter Assembly
- 2nd - End of term – school closes to students
- 20th - Summer term begins – students return to school.

**(Student Absence Line: 01384 686600 Option 1
Student Hub: 01384 686525 Option 4)**



Our ref CL/kjs

12 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The worldwide outbreak of Covid-19 is resulting in changes to how organisations operate. As a school we will continue to follow the guidance from Public Health England and the Department for Education. The current advice, as of 11th March, is that any students that return from Italy after 9th March, Iran, Hubei in China, and parts of South Korea, need to self-isolate for 14 days.

If at any time schools within this country were asked to close it is imperative that students continue with their education at home. In such an eventuality we would use the Ello computer programme to set students learning tasks. The Homework system would be used, so that for each lesson of the day, students would find a task on Ello that should take approximately one hour. This would ensure students continued to receive approximately five hours of education per day.

There are some exceptions to this, such as practical subjects. However, even in practical subjects, some work can continue at home and will be directed by our teachers. In addition, we would encourage students to use time away from school to read widely and increase their vocabulary.

For Year 11 and Year 13 students there are added concerns regarding exams and exam preparation. However, Ofqual and exam boards will be looking at contingency plans and doing their best to ensure the exam season is not interrupted. Our role as a school, with the help of student's families, will be to prepare students for exams in the best possible way. Revision timetables should be maintained and students should continue to practise past paper questions and focus on improving areas of weakness. A huge amount of material is already available on Ello, but should the school be closed at any point, we will again be ensuring students are signposted to appropriate revision resources.

If you have difficulty accessing Ello and learning resources over the internet please do contact reception to let us know of your child's name and the current access issue.

It could be that education is not interrupted and we are able to operate as normal for the rest of the academic year. However, contingency plans are always important, which is why I am sending this information to you.

Yours sincerely

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