



The Howard School



A Specialist Sports College
"To Strive and Achieve is to Succeed"

12 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Return to School

The government has said that they will give schools and families two weeks' notice of when schools return. The 8th of March has been given as a preliminary date, but we do not know any further details and we anticipate that primary schools may return first. We do not know whether the whole school will return, or it will just be some year groups initially, with a phased return. When the national situation is clearer, we will inform parents and carers of what the plan is to return students to school.

Track & Trace during half term

Schools have been asked by the government to be available to trace for 48 hours from Friday 12 February. This means that if your son, daughter has been in school on Friday 12th February and then tests positive, please email office@thehowardschool.co.uk to report this up until Sunday 14th February at midnight.

National Apprenticeship information

We as a school have been provided with an excellent array of resources that will benefit students from Years 7 to 13 in understanding what apprenticeships are and the job opportunities which are open to them, whether at Post 16, Post 18 or Degree level. The resource packs have been posted in the main year group google classroom since Monday 8th February. Should you have any questions about this resource pack or apprenticeships in general then please do email Mr Edwards edwardss@thehowardschool.co.uk

Remote Learning Webinar for parents and guardians.

The Howard School has created the following training video for parents and guardians regarding Remote Learning and Google Classroom.

[Click here to view the video](#)

Information about this has also been sent out and can be accessed on the Howard School website under Parents and Remote Learning. In this initial webinar, we hope to address some of the training areas that you identified from both your recent communications and the Parent/Guardian survey. We very much hope that this will be useful. This webinar will be followed up with live training events and /or Q&A after half term. In the meantime, please email sivasubramanians@thehowardschool.co.uk with any technical questions you may have.

Further Remote Learning training and Q&A for parents/ guardians

Please email office@thehowardschool.co.uk to register your interest in joining a live training and Q&A session, clearly stating the following:

1. Your name
2. Your child's/ children's name(s) and year group(s)
3. Your contact details
4. The area of training/ questions you have

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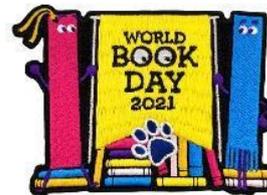
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World Book Day

This year, The Howard School will be celebrating World Book Day in Lockdown on Friday 5th March by having a day away from the screen. There will be plenty of fun activities and house challenges with prizes to be won, so keep your eyes peeled for more details of this event coming shortly.



Pastoral Support

Resource Collection -

There is an opportunity for students to collect resources to support home learning (stationary, workbooks, paper, limited subject resources) from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9.30am to 10.30am from the main hall. Masks must be worn and social distancing must be observed.

Individual Support - Support is always available for all students who may be struggling with remote learning or being away from school - please contact the relevant Head of Year for more information.

Mentoring & Wellbeing Drop-in sessions - These are available for a chance to chat to a member of the pastoral staff (virtual or onsite options). Email pastoraloffice@thehowardschool.co.uk to book an appointment.

House Points

Just like any of our other Events within The Howard School House Championship, the winner of the House Points Event - those with the highest number of House Points at the end of the academic year - gain an extra 50 Championship Points for their House. The current standing of House Points so far this year is:

	House	House Points TOTAL
1st	Hawking	2,041
2nd	Tull	1,846
3rd	Pankhurst	1,768
4th	Turing	1,736
5th	Attenborough	1,500

Amongst other great things, House Points can be earned for excellent class work, excellent homework, excellent contributions within a lesson and demonstration of one of our school Virtues.

Arbor App

We would very much like parents/carers to download the Arbor App which allows you to see key details about your child. It will also allow parents to receive messages from the school direct to your phone.

To download the app please visit the Google Play/App store. The link below shows guidance of how to turn on notifications from the Arbor App which will also alert parents to when their children have received positive mentions in the form of house points.

[Arbor Notification Guidance](#)

The After School Challenges

Every Monday and Friday, the school posts new challenges for students to partake in. The intention behind the challenges is to give students a variety of extracurricular activities to do other than schoolwork and their usual lockdown activities.

Activities have so far ranged from 60 second self-portraits, to locating as many countries on a map as possible in 60 seconds and recreating famous scenes from films of their choice. The Challenges have been designed to allow for competition amongst students and their families.

So far, winners of the challenges have been: Ezra Barrett (year 7, *Attenborough*), William Evans (year 7, *Attenborough*), Zack Davis (year 7, *Attenborough*) Ediz Kocayigit (year 7, *Hawking*), Alfie Murray (year 7, *Pankhurst*), Scott Abdey (year 7, *Tull*), Harrison Kennett (year 7, *Tull*), Carter Ervin (year 8, *Hawking*), Bobby Middleton (year 8, *Turing*), Niklas Tizzard (year 9, *Hawking*), Albie Ricketts (year 9, *Attenborough*), KJ Phillip (year 9, *Tull*).

Lockdown Art Gallery

Our fantastic students continue to demonstrate the virtues of pride, ambition and resilience in their work. You can also find this gallery under the 'Parents' tab on THS website. The lockdown art gallery can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Half Term

As always this is a half term break and teachers will not be available over half term, including Heads of Year. If there are any urgent enquiries email office@thehowardschool.co.uk and this will be responded to. Remote learning resumes on Tuesday 23rd February and those key worker children who are on site, return to do remote learning at school on the 23rd February.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families all the very best during this difficult time.



Ms C Reid
Executive Headteacher

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Virtual

Coffee Morning

**Medway SENDIAS Service is holding a virtual
coffee morning via Zoom on**

Friday 17th July

11am - 12pm

This is an opportunity for parents/carers to meet the
team and other parents/carers

**If you would like to attend please contact us on
01634 566303**

or email: medwaysendias@family-action.org.uk

by 3pm on Thursday 16th July