

22nd May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you now as we approach what would have been our May half term break. With the weather forecast looking bright and warm, we are all missing the get togethers and perhaps holidays that we might have had planned for that week. Despite the current difficulties though, I am immensely proud of Montsaye students, and indeed our whole community, in coming together virtually to support each other. Our students are adapting impressively to remote education and continue to learn, while managing to do additional and wonderful things too during this time. Thank you all for your feedback on how home learning is going. We've listened to your thoughts and after half term we are streamlining work and tasks so that: students can access their work all in one place more easily.

Like me, I am sure you will have been watching the news and government announcements closely regarding school re-opening plans. At the time of writing this, we are still awaiting full secondary guidance and will publish further information to parents after the half term holiday when we have a clearer idea of what the government expectations for secondary schools are and when we are likely to re-open for some year 10 and 12 students. I would like to add that we remain open for the vulnerable children and children of key workers as previously and will continue this provision from 1st June 2020.

The year 11 & year 13 teaching staff and Heads of Department have been working on providing predicted grades for students. They have been working tirelessly to ensure the integrity of the process and that the grades are a fair reflection of the students' work and potential. We have now finished two rounds of moderation and also used some external verification of our grades to make sure that we are being as accurate as possible. The school's final submissions will be sent to the exam boards early next month after further checks by senior staff. The final grades, as determined by the Department for Education, will be released for students on the August 13th for year 13 and August 20th for year 11. Further details for this will follow as they are released by the Department for Education.

I hope you have seen and enjoyed our fabulous ERA Heroes Bulletin which highlights the excellence, resilience and aspiration that students, parents and staff are showing at this time. It's a document that really epitomises what it is to be part of Montsaye. Do keep letting us know about all the brilliant things that are going on (to ERAHeroes@montsaye.northants.sch.uk) so that we can continue to share with you and celebrate.

Have a wonderful half term break.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Gabbi
Principal