

February 21

Dear Parent/Carer

February Half Term

Every Friday, we send out a list of Friday 'Thank You's' where we nominate other members of staff for acts of help or kindness throughout the week. I'd like to start this update off by thanking two sets of people. Firstly, I'd like to thank all of the staff at The Hamble School. It wasn't the half-term any of us were expecting but despite the uncertainty of working during another lockdown, with changing guidance requiring rapid changes, the staff have responded magnificently. It's not just me who feels that- I have been receiving regular emails of thanks over the past 6 weeks and I am really grateful to be serving such a positive community. The other people to thank are yourselves. You have done such a good job of supporting the school and helping us to deliver online education to your children. I know it hasn't been easy- many of us have our own children and have had to juggle the task of working whilst making sure that they are getting on with their own education- but I am very proud that the vast majority of students at this school have engaged with the 5 hours of work set each day (3 hours of live lessons and 2 hours of set work). I hope that you are all able to have a well-deserved break from supervising/ helping/ cajoling your children's education.

Hopefully, the Prime Minister will announce his plans for education after half-term- he has a scheduled press conference on Monday 22nd February. I also hope that the plans for how the Year 11s GCSE and BTEC grades will also be made clear at this point because I know the students and families are finding the uncertainty very difficult- my daughter (also in Year 11) keeps nagging me about this and is still surprised that I genuinely still have no idea.

In the meantime, we will be continuing to make plans remotely. We are running a virtual Year 8 Parents' Evening after half-term and we will also be organising our Year 8 preferences online for the second year. We will write to you about this after the holiday.

Please have a good holiday and I hope that your children get some rest. They have worked really hard over the last 2 months and I continue to be very proud of their efforts.

Keep safe.



Mr A Govan
Headteacher

If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.

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