

## HARROW HIGH SIXTH FORM

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **RE: Year 12 Update**

I hope that you and your family are safe, and keeping well at this time. You will have heard from the press and the Prime Minister's statement on the 25<sup>th</sup> May, that as of 15<sup>th</sup> June, *"sixth forms can begin to offer some face-to-face support to year 12 pupils to supplement their remote education, which should remain their predominant mode of education during this term"*. In this letter, I want to outline the in school face-to-face support we will be offering, and what home-based face-to-face support we have already been offering.

As you will be aware, we have been offering online live lessons to all of our students via the Zoom platform for some time now. Our first live online lessons in Biology and Business Studies started just after the lockdown began, and gradually, all of our A-Level and BTEC subjects have been offering this twice per week, per subject. Attendance for most subjects is very high (above 95%) and we are pleased that so many students have engaged with this so well. It is great that students have had this opportunity to make sure they are up to date, and in some cases, ahead with their studies.

Any return to A-Level or BTEC lessons in school compromises this high rate of attendance, as not all learners will be able to attend. Similarly, due to stringent social distancing measures in place, we are only allowed 25% of students in school, on any day. This would mean reducing students contact with teachers, which is currently two lessons per week, to one lesson per week. For this reason, we have decided that A-Level and BTEC lessons in school, will only begin in September, and students will continue with two online live lessons per week, per subject, until the end of term.

We are planning to open the Sixth Form in July for some in school face-to-face support, and I am really looking forward to seeing our students in person then. The focus of these days in school will be to guide students through various aspects of the UCAS process, focus on their wellbeing, and identifying personal areas of development. I will write to you about the specific plans for these days, later this month.

A few weeks ago, we received a certificate (attached), from ALPS, an organisation that collects data from Sixth Forms nationally. It informed us that based on our results from the last 3 years; we are in the Top 10% of Sixth Forms nationally. We are very proud of this achievement, and want to take this opportunity to re-assure you that the entire team at Harrow High School is very committed to making sure your child realises their academic and personal potential, just as so many students have done so before them.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin Patel'.

Kevin Patel  
Deputy Headteacher & Head of Sixth Form