



ULVERSTON VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL



Springfield Road, Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 0EB

Telephone: 01229 483900

Web: www.uvhs.uk E-mail: uvhs@uvhs.uk

Headteacher: Mr Matthew Hardwick B.A. (Hons), N.P.Q.H.

Deputy Headteachers: Mrs Susan Hewson B.A. (Hons), N.P.Q.H., Mrs Alessandra Desbottes M.A. (Oxon)

Our Ref: MHa/AJH

An exceptional school at the heart of the community

5th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I can only imagine how worried you are about the latest break in the education of your children. School leaders found out about the new lockdown at exactly the same moment as you last night and therefore we had no opportunity to write to you yesterday.

Please rest assured, we have prepared for this eventuality and teachers have planned to deliver all normal lessons, live online, following your child's normal timetable. Now, you will have to bear with us a little, nothing is perfect and it is possible, on occasion that a teacher's personal circumstances and issues with technology, will interrupt the flow of live lessons, but it will mean that your child will continue to be taught throughout lockdown. When a teacher is unavailable to teach a live lesson work should be set.

As I said there may be blips, far fewer than in the first lockdown, however if there are repeated difficulties please get in contact with school. School is functioning as normal in terms of support so if you have difficulties with online lessons please email teams@uvhs.uk for support, including password resets. Also all the TEAMS instructions are available at: <https://www.uvhs.uk/microsoft-teams>

The school office is fully open for any of the usual questions and problems, although you may not be able to speak to a member of staff immediately they will get back to you and we will be able to support you in the normal way.

Where things change, we will communicate with you. At present, we are planning to continue with virtual parents' evenings, but we will write to you with details of that later. We are also developing our new Covid-19 lateral flow testing capacity and further details about how that will be carried out will be sent in a separate letter later today.

Important: Year 11 and 13

There is a distinct lack of clarity when it comes to exams and the GCSE/A Level grades that students who should be taking exams this summer will receive. As far as we can see there will not be a normal exam series this summer but there will be some assessment, either internal or external, to help grade all children in a rigorous and fair way. Therefore, Years 11 and 13 should continue to work as hard as possible and take advantage of all available support so that they will be able to achieve the grades necessary for their next steps. We are as much in the dark as you are, but the better the students achieve, the stronger will be our/their position.

On a similar note, the Cambridge Nationals in Sports Studies (Level I and II) and Creative iMedia (Level I and II) will still be taking place in school next week. We will be informing students involved exactly what they need to do in a specific letter.



ULVERSTON VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL



Springfield Road, Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 0EB

Telephone: 01229 483900

Web: www.uvhs.uk E-mail: uvhs@uvhs.uk

Headteacher: Mr Matthew Hardwick B.A. (Hons), N.P.Q.H.

Deputy Headteachers: Mrs Susan Hewson B.A. (Hons), N.P.Q.H., Mrs Alessandra Desbottes M.A. (Oxon)

Our Ref:

An exceptional school at the heart of the community

I hope that is enough information to be going on with; we will do our best for your children under continued challenging circumstances. I also know that your lives are far from easy and you all have varying levels of challenge; the maxim "We are all in the same boat" does not really hold water, possibly "in the same storm" would be better. We can often help when you tell us what the problems are, we cannot solve everything, but we will do our best.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to welcoming not only your children, but also yourselves into the school community on the other side of the pandemic.

Take care of you and yours.

Matt Hardwick
Headteacher

