

28 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Reopening of Castle Rushen High School to all students

I am delighted to report that the school is highly likely to re-open as normal on Monday 1st February as the Island follows its plan to exit the "Circuit Break" lockdown. Final confirmation of this will be from the usual government COVID briefing; if there are any significant changes to this, I will be in touch again.

From Monday, CRHS expects to be operating a normal school timetable where lessons are taught face-to-face in class. To allow for some settling in time there will be an extended tutor session on our first morning back together. Students should attend in school uniform, with all their equipment and their lunch cards, as normal. Please encourage your son/daughter to continue to wash their hands frequently whilst at, before and after school. School buses will be running normally. If you have a specific concern about your son/daughter returning to school on Monday, please contact their Head of Year via CRHSEnquiries@sch.im.

For the remainder of this week, our school remains closed to students, other than children of essential workers and vulnerable groups. Students should continue to undertake their remote learning, recognising that on Thursday and Friday they are likely to be finishing off work already set and not starting anything new. From Monday 1st February we will be reverting to in-class delivery of lessons to all students.

Parents of students in Year 11 and 13 will be aware that substantial changes are being made to the normal summer examinations season due to the pandemic. Different exam boards are governed by different regulators and their detailed plans for assessment of learners are at different stages of development. Cambridge International qualifications (IGCSEs and A/AS Levels in Geography and Music) are proceeding with the normal summer exams as planned, at present. Ofqual regulated qualifications (A Levels and BTECs) will not involve doing the normal summer exams this year but what they are doing instead is subject to an ongoing consultation in England. Qualifications regulated by Qualifications Wales (WJEC GCSEs and Business and Further Maths integrated AS Levels) will not involve doing the normal summer exams and schools await detail in respect of a framework for school-based assessment. No matter what their qualification, or stage of secondary education, we want our students to continue to engage fully, particularly for those that were scheduled to sit exams, right up to the end of their courses. We will continue to communicate updates to those affected as plans for awarding grades progress.

Thank for all your efforts with supporting remote learning. I know it has not been easy, possibly with more than one child to look after, trying to keep your family safe, perhaps working from home, and with a household to run too.

I look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to school on Monday. We will be in touch shortly in respect of any changes to our calendar of events for the remainder of the term/year. Please do contact us via 693500 or CRHSEnquiries@sch.im if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher