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Dear Parents and Carers – **Update from the Head, Friday 12th June 2020**

There is an old proverb that teaches us: 'The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it'.

And so it is with the wider opening of schools. There has certainly been a huge number of considerations for the **return of Year 10 and 12 students next week**, but your helpful responses and timely replies mean that we have a consistent number of thirty students in across the four days and are as ready as we can be to welcome them all back.

In order for us to manage numbers effectively, it is vitally important that **students attend on the day allocated** and follow all the guidelines that have been sent out. A final briefing will be sent out to Year 10 and 12, separately, later today so please do look out for it.

An important reminder also that if parents of students in other year groups would like to arrange for students to come in, they do need to contact us, **in advance and during normal school hours please**, via the usual email: office@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

With everything that is going on continued communication between home and school is key. Therefore, I do want to remind you that **all parents / carers have access to ClassCharts** so you can see the work that is set and monitor its completion. If anyone needs help with access, or passwords, please use our dedicated email address homehelp@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk

Additionally, we fully understand that feedback for work submitted is really important and means a great deal to our students. Although currently students are not notified when staff have left feedback, ClassCharts are looking into this facility. However, if students check the **'submitted' or 'work completed'** area, they can view teacher comments and it shows up as a yellow 'feedback' tab.

The numbers are growing well with the weekly **Tutor Team Tuesday** meetings. Students, and staff, say they appreciate the time together, are having some fun and giving valuable feedback on how they are coping. Please do speak to your child and encourage them all to participate.

A final reminder that any **Year 13s** who have not yet returned **textbooks and/or resources** should put them in a named bag or box in the box provided outside Reception as soon as possible please, as they are now needed by Year 12 students.

Finally, today would have been the **last day of the GCSE examinations**; normally, a real reason for Year 11 to celebrate! This year it is the more mundane, but no less important, last day for schools to submit the calculated GCSE grades to the examination boards.

Whatever the outcomes, we remember Year 11 fondly as a wonderful year group and think of them often. We look forward to meeting them on **August 20th** for results day and, with the right Covid-19 reductions, hopefully seeing them back in the Sixth Form in September.

Best wishes
Mr Hales