

7th May 2020

Dear students, parents and carers

I hope you are all safe and well. I am sorry I have not been in contact with you for a few weeks – we have been waiting for information for you from various sources. As I am sure you know, here at Fairfield we have been delivering live online lessons to Years 7 – 10 as well as setting work for them on Google Classroom. That doesn't mean we haven't thought about you – or talked about you – often; we all remain very sad that your time at Fairfield came to an end so abruptly and we are still hoping to be able to see you again soon.

I thought I might just touch base with you on a few things:

- Preparation work for college courses – we have not received any bridging work from the college for you, but they have told us that they hope information for preparatory work will be available for you in June. Until then, we would advise you to check the college prospectus and see who awards the qualification you are aiming for, go online and find the syllabus and then read around the subject or research information online. You could also continue with your GCSE work, revising and refreshing your memory – especially for languages, sciences, maths etc. Staff at Fairfield will be happy to advise you if needed – email them directly or use the admin address and emails will be forwarded.
- Prom – we are still waiting to see whether we will be able to have the Prom as planned or whether we postpone or cancel it. When we have more information we will contact you.
- Hoodies and Year Books – We do not yet have the yearbooks but there are a few hoodies at school waiting to be collected; there are a few staff on site every day, so please collect your hoodie, if you can do so safely.
- Exam results – as you know, we have been asked to submit predicted grades by the end of May. These are confidential and we cannot discuss them with you. GCSE results will be issued on the original date – ie August 20th 2020. We hope by then that we will be able to issue them at school as we usually do, so that we can all celebrate together. As soon as we have more information, we will let you know.
- Work – I know that some of you are working already. Technically you remain our student until the end of June, so be aware that you could be asked to come into school (unlikely though that seems at present). There are also regulations about the number of hours you can work whilst you are on the school roll.

- Wellbeing – Have a look at our website for some links and information about what you can do to help yourself if you are feeling fed up and isolated. You are not alone in this – I know from emails that many students are really missing school and their friends (and even the staff!). You will also find the information for online counselling and other help if you need it.

As always, please ask us if you need anything, and we will help if we can. You are still an important part of the Fairfield Family!

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Gaston".

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