



**KING HENRY VIII SCHOOL**  
**YSGOL BRENIN HARRI'R VIII**

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Year 11**

I am sure many of you are aware the Welsh Minister for Education Kirsty Williams made clear there would be no examination series this summer for year 11. Learners will be awarded a fair grade to recognise their work, drawing on the range of information that is available. As a school, we are well placed to provide that range of evidence. We shall make sure we work with the examination boards to do the best for every learner. As far as we are aware results will be published in August as in previous years.

I have spoken to every class of year 11 students this morning and reassured them that we shall work hard on their behalf to ensure they are rewarded fairly this summer. I also want to make you aware of how proud we are of year 11. They are a year group that have matured into delightful young students, they are kind and thoughtful of others. For those not returning we wish them well on their future adventures.

As part of my talk with year 11 students this morning we have made them aware that where possible they should continue to complete any outstanding coursework including WBQ Skills Challenge Certificate Individual Project. Students can email it to their teacher, in order that the teacher can claim a fair grade for them for the Skills Challenge.

In line with Welsh Government guidance, we shall close on Friday 20th March until further notice due to the COVID – 19 outbreak. There is no definitive answer as to when we shall re-open. Our intention is to run a virtual school so we can continue to have strong lines of communication with yourselves and maintain e learning provision in these challenging times.

Our e communication channels shall be as follows:

- In Touch email system
- SIMS Parent App
- Twitter [KHSAbergavenny@KingHenrySchool](https://twitter.com/KHSAbergavenny@KingHenrySchool).
- School website: [www.kinghenryviiiischool.co.uk](http://www.kinghenryviiiischool.co.uk)

Any e communications will also be placed on the school website and shared via Twitter so if any one e communication method is not working you are able to keep up to date with our news.

In addition we can be contacted through our school reception phone number 01873 735374. This number will be manned remotely during office hours. Please bear with us whilst we respond as our ability may be slower than usual but we shall try our best.

We have already communicated our plans for e learning and all resources and materials can be found on the school website. All students have been given their Hwb usernames and passwords and an email with your child's information should be with before the end of school Friday. This level of e learning is new to us and it may take some time for this to bed in. Our aim is to allow all our students to continue to engage in their learning and also undertake wider reading so they continue to make progress. If there are issues please contact reception or make us aware via the [info@khs.schoolsedu.org.uk](mailto:info@khs.schoolsedu.org.uk). Again, we shall do our best to resolve these matters.

As you may have heard through the Welsh news, schools will have 'a new purpose' to help support those most in need "including people involved in the immediate response to the coronavirus outbreak". Welsh government is currently working with the local authority to develop and finalise plans. We are unclear at present what the commitment of our school and KHS staff will be however all staff that are fit and well are expected in school on Monday and Easter for staff does not commence until 3rd April. The redirection of work could impact on the ability of some teachers to set regular work.

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As a school, our aim is to make sure all students, their families and staff remain safe and well during this difficult time. Please be reassured we shall maintain a steady stream of communication with yourselves and pass on any relevant information promptly.

Yours sincerely

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