

Sixth Form Closure – Monday 5th October 2020 – Questions and Answers

Dear Parent, Carer and student,

I have compiled a list of common questions with answers below as a follow up to us sending students home this morning due to a student testing positive for Covid-19.

Question	Answer
When will the sixth form be re-opening?	The sixth form will re-open Monday 19 th October 2020
Are students allowed back on site to collect folders or books or to study?	Guidelines from the DfE stipulate that students are not allowed on site and should be self-isolating. The sixth form as of this afternoon is being deep cleaned. Any essential items can be requested on sixthform@highamlanesixthform.co.uk and these can then be picked up from main reception (Shanklin Drive) by a household member.
What does self-isolating mean?	Self-isolation means you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> do not go to work, school or public places do not go on public transport or use taxis do not go out to get food and medicine do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care do not go out to exercise – instead exercise in your home or in your garden, if you have one Other household members do not need to self-isolate
What should students do to engage with Teaching and Learning?	Students should <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check their sixth form e-mails regularly during the day Regularly check Google Classroom each day and participate with work that has been set. Work will be set for each lesson each day. Students should follow their normal timetable for the next fortnight. Do these tasks in timetabled lessons to keep strong habits and routines. Engage with live teaching via Zoom when requested to. These Zoom lessons will take place during timetabled lessons and registers will be taken. Further information from your teachers or myself will be shared with you very soon.



What will happen to UCAS applications that need to meet the 15 th October 2020 deadline?	Mr Ladha will contact you this week to organise a Zoom meeting to discuss your application. Please keep checking your e-mails. Be assured that we will still be aiming to send your application off before the deadline.
What will happen about all other UCAS and apprenticeship applications?	Please contact sixthform@highamlaneschool.co.uk to request an appointment. Mrs Doyne-Ditmas or Mr Ladha will reply offering a convenient time.
For Year 13, what will happen with the trial exams?	We are trying to organise the completion of trial exams so that this week's exams take place week beginning Monday 19 th October 2020 instead. The timetable for the remaining exams will be re-issued once this has been confirmed. Students should continue to revise for these.
For Year 13, what will happen if exams were missed during the first week or today?	We would be looking at scheduling these during the week beginning Monday 19 th October too. Mr Ladha will be in touch with your son/daughter if they are one of the students involved.
What can I do outside of my lessons?	There is so much to choose from <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Follow the opportunities on my weekly bulletins· Visit the Futurelearn website to complete Massive Open Online Courses· Watch TED videos to complement your learning
What if a student needs to contact a teacher?	Contacting a teacher should be done through Google Classroom. Please contact sixthform@highamlaneschool.co.uk otherwise
How do I contact the Sixth Form?	We will still be checking e-mails and taking calls.
What should I do if I am worried or anxious about having time away from sixth form?	Tutors, Mrs Doyne-Ditmas and Mr Ladha will be in contact regularly. Students should contact sixthform@highamlaneschool.co.uk if they wish to talk to Mr Ladha or Mrs Doyne-Ditmas. We know this will be a challenging time. We are here to support and help.
Where can I receive further information?	We will always try and send you timely information. Please continue to visit the Higham Lane School (Covid section) and Higham Lane Sixth Form website

Kind regards

Mr H Ladha

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