

Dear Parents / Carers

Although our current situation results in tragedy for so many families on a daily basis, we should definitely try to take from it whatever positives we possibly can. For example, yesterday in conversation with one of our parent body, it was warming to hear how this enforced period of remoteness had brought her family really closely together. I have also had many exchanges with parents who have been able to embrace this time to focus on their families, and to look after themselves a bit better than they usually might be able to manage. It seems that this pandemic has definitely brought many parts of society together, and has engendered a greater feeling of community and togetherness, which is a lovely thing.

Donations to school funds

One unexpected surprise has been the number of you contacting me asking whether the money we are due to pay you back, having cancelled all trips and visits, can simply be donated by you to the school. Thank you; yes you can. If you wish to do this, but please understand **there is zero expectation from us that anyone should do this at all**, please feel free to do so. If you do wish to do this, please email us on the address below, stating clearly you wish to donate this money to the school. We will then do the rest.

rhsc_finance@reephamhigh.com

Although I cannot be specific, please be assured any donations will be spent in pupils' best interests.

Back to work

I hope the holiday has presented a good rest for our pupils from the work they have been doing. Once back into 'term time' please encourage them to get back into a routine that involves the time already outlined being spent on school work - 12/13 hours per week in KS3 and approximately 20 hours per week for those in years 10. Those in Year 12 should be doing 20-30 hours per week, but A level students should be quite capable of working independently to this extent.

A Level and GCSE results dates

It has been announced that these dates will remain as previously published; A Level results on 13th August and GCSE results on 20th August.

There are reports in the media that dates for a return to school are being considered. This might seem early at this point to many of us, but whenever this does happen we will keep you fully informed.

Enjoy the rest of the 'holiday'.

Your sincerely
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