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Dear student

STUDENT UPDATE

Hope you have all managed to have a break and enjoy the lovely weather. We start our last half term of this academic year today. We will be using the timetables we have been using for the last few weeks.

There are some plans for Years 10 and 12 to have some face-to-face meetings. We are planning for these and will be inviting students in over the next few weeks. Please look out for the letter. Really nothing to panic about and we are looking forward to seeing you!

Year 8 will be having some contact from us about your option choices. We hope you took your time in deciding what you would like to do in Year 9. This is a great opportunity for you to personalise your timetable for Year 9.

Years 7 and 9 will also be contacted either by phone or email to talk about how things are for you and if you need any further support. We will send you information about this. Nothing to worry about. It will be lovely to speak to you individually too.

We have been so impressed that the overwhelming majority of you have worked really hard. We do understand how difficult it is to get motivated at times. It also happens to teachers! If you didn't quite do what you were meant to over the past few weeks, see today as a fresh start and do your best!

I would also like to remind you of the SHARP system. If you have any issues or questions you do not want to contact your Head of House directly with, send us a SHARP. We cannot deal with issues on Instagram. Please leave us your name when using SHARP. It really helps us to help you.

I am writing all of my plans to open our school to more year groups, but am waiting for the experts to tell me when that can be. Until then, please remember we miss you and are looking forward to being in our building together. Ask when you need help! You are not alone and we are here to help.

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MAY BE OF INTEREST?

Updated Edge Hill University virtual activities timetable

Edge Hill University have updated their live virtual activities timetable with brand new content for both young people and their supporters to access. We thought you might find this useful.

The updated timetable will be running from **Monday 1st June** with bookings already live via webpages [ehu.ac.uk/virtualoutreach].

We would encourage students to visit these [webpages](#) to find out more about the new and returning scheduled sessions, as they will also be able to see the wider offer and book on to other topics they may find of interest. Examples of new sessions include:

Our ***Wellbeing and Moving Forward*** session (for Years 7 to 13): Focusing on how we can support our own wellbeing and looks at ways in which we can identify the positives in our everyday lives to help us move forward and succeed, particularly in the current environment.

The ***EHU Escape Room*** session (for Years 7 to 11): This session is a live escape room style activity in which attendees will work together to escape being virtually 'locked in' a location on the Edge Hill University campus. After the escape room activity, attendees will also be provided with advice and guidance about different types of universities, and what this looks like from a 'physical' perspective.

Student Life Q&A Live Chat (for all year groups): This session, led by a member of the Education Liaison team and some of our current Edge Hill students, will focus on what life is like as a university student. Our student ambassadors will also discuss their path to university, and what factors they considered along the way. Attendees will also have the opportunity to put questions to our current students.

Spotlight on... sessions (for Years 7 to 11): These sessions are an opportunity for students to find out more about a specific subject area at HE level (with a different subject area each week) and is delivered by a subject specialist. Attendees will take part in a subject specific interactive activity and will be encouraged to take part in our subject-themed weekly competitions which link to this session. These sessions will also provide attendees with information about typical entry requirements (GCSEs, A Levels/BTECs, etc) at HE level for the different subject areas, and what students should be thinking about as they progress to university. Subject sessions will be: Performing Arts and Media, English and Creative Writing, Business, Biosciences, History, Law and Criminology, Geosciences.

Parents and Guardians sessions: These sessions will provide parents and supporters of students (from Years 7 to 13) with an overview of Higher Education, information on student support at HE level and guidance as to how parents and guardians can support their children in regard to their progression to university in the future.

Please note that all session participants are now required to book onto sessions using our online booking form, with pre-16 students requiring a parent or guardian to provide their consent as part of the process in order to comply with data protection regulations.