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Dear Parent/Carer

The School will close for the half-term holidays - Monday 15 February to Friday 20 February. It will reopen to students with a ten-minute registration at 11:00 on Monday 22 February 2021.

REMOTE LEARNING AFTER THE FEBRUARY HALF-TERM	
Staff Safeguarding Training	08:30 - 10:30
Break	10:30 - 11:00
Student Remote Registration	11:00 - 11:10
Remote Learning restarts	11:10: Normal Period 3
NB: Reminder: Student well-being activity will take place on Wednesday afternoon	

The Prime Minister is expected to communicate to the country the 'planned road map' for easing Lockdown restrictions on 22 February. Schools are not expected to re-open before 08 March, and we will update parents of plans once the information is made available.

We hope all our students and staff will take full advantage of the week long break to rest before their return. In particular, having an extended time away from computer screens will be very beneficial. However, uncertainty will undoubtedly remain a constant issue in the coming months. All that we ask of our students is that they give their best. It is crucial that they remain fully engaged in their learning and do everything they can to overcome the challenges that COVID-19 gives rise to. Arriving on time, participating in lessons and taking full responsibility for their learning, will be the best way to ensure that the impact on their education is minimised. The Hestonian values of resilience and ambition are more relevant than ever today.

I would also like to remind parents and students that we will be continuing to run parents' evenings remotely via Zoom in the coming half-term, focussing on student engagement with our remote learning programme. The School will communicate the appropriate links and passwords in writing for the dates below.

ADVANCED NOTICE OF REMOTE PARENTS EVENINGS		
EVENT	TIME	DATE
Year 7 Parents' Evening	16:00 - 19:00	23 & 24 February 2021
Year 9 Options Evening	16:00 - 19:00	02 March 2021
Year 8 Parents' Evening	16:00 - 19:00	10 & 11 March 2021
Year 10 Parents' Evening	16:00 - 19:00	16 & 17 March 2021
Easter Holidays: Thursday 01 April to Friday 16 April 2021		
Summer Term begins on Monday 19 April 2021		

We are very proud of the efforts of both staff and students during these unprecedented and challenging times. In the coming weeks we ask that our students re-double their effort to do their best and that families continue to keep our community safe by adhering to all the lockdown restrictions.

Specialist Visual Arts Academy

We look forward to the coming months bringing more hopeful news and thank all our community for the support they give the School.

Yours faithfully

M. O'Hagan.

M O'Hagan
Deputy Headteacher

The Borough requested that Heston families were made aware of the following financial support:

https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20004/community_and_living/2225/local_authority_emergency_assistance_grant_for_food_and_essential_supplies

Please also visit the School Website for information on services that Hounslow Citizens' Advice are providing for EUSS applications including [Hounslow EU settlement service leaflet](#) and [EU Settlement Scheme Referral Form](#)