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Term Dates for 2020/21 Academic Year

The term dates for the 2020/21 academic year are confirmed as follows:

October half-term:

Monday 26 to Friday 30 October 2020

Christmas End-of-Term Holiday:

Monday 21 December 2020 to Friday 1 January 2021

February Half-Term Holiday:

Monday 15 to Friday 19 February 2021

Easter End-of-Term Holiday:

Monday 29 March to Friday 9 April 2021

May Day: **Monday 3 May 2021**

May Half-Term Holiday:

Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2021

Summer Holiday begins for students:

Monday 19 July 2021

Given that school remains closed, we have yet to confirm inset days and the date when students will return to school in September. However; for now all parents should expect this to be Wednesday 2 September 2020.

Booking form for Week 8 Onsite Provision

The Booking form for Key Worker Parents and the parents and carers of those students considered vulnerable for the period Monday 11 to Friday 15 May is now open.

Link: [Booking Form](#)

In line with the Cabinet Office and Department for Education guidance, if children can stay safely at home, they should. Please complete the booking form for next week by no later than **9:00am on Friday 8 May**. This is so we can ensure we have the appropriate level of provision set up in school.

Should you need to make a new booking, or make amendments to an existing booking, after the deadline please email enquiries@penistone-gs.uk.

My FROG App

Just to remind you that, as parents and carers, you can download the free My FROG App. Just last week the app had nearly 2,000 log-ins from Penistone Grammar School parents!

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to download the app, we recommend that you do as it will help you keep track of the work your children are being set, what they have completed and what remains outstanding.

Instructions detailing how you can do this can be accessed via the following link: [My FROG App download instructions](#).

Educational Trips and Visits

Further to Parent Bulletin #5, we have provided below the most up to date information available in relation to some of the visits that were scheduled to take place:

Year 9 Paris Trip

Following advice from our Legal Services Team, we have written again formally to the tour operator in relation to the Paris Trip and insisted that our money is refunded. We have been advised that they have referred our case to their Senior Management Team. We will continue to chase their response and will update parents and carers once we have further information.

Post-16 Paris Trip

Given our current circumstances we have made the decision to cancel the Post-16 Paris Trip. We will be contacting parents and carers directly to confirm when refunds will be available to reclaim from ParentPay accounts.

World Challenge

We would ask that any parents and carers of students scheduled to take part in this summer's expedition



check their emails tomorrow as we need to request some information from you and your children.

Keeping in Touch

This week we have written to you to let you know that, throughout the course of this week we will be contacting all students, either via telephone (via the parent contact number we hold on our system), or via an email direct to your son or daughter's school email address. Your children remain at the forefront of our mind and the purpose of contacting them will be to see how they are and whether there is anything we can do to support them through the school closure.

The call will either be from your child's mentor, a member of staff that teaches them, a member of the Inclusion Team, or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. As staff will be ringing from home, it is likely that the call will be made from a withheld number.

Those staff who have already made contact have told us how much they have enjoyed catching up with your children.

School Reception Opening Times

During the school closure period, to keep our staff safe and in line with government guidelines, we are operating with significantly reduced staffing in school. As a result, the best way to contact us in the first instance is always via our main school email address: enquiries@penistone-gs.uk.

However; should you need to speak to someone via telephone, or if you are collecting replacement exercise books, our school reception is open from 08:00 to 15:00 Monday to Friday. Our school telephone number is 01226 762114 (please select Option '0' when calling or hold for a member of our reception team).

#StaySafe Get Active Competition

Is your child a whizz with words or a dab hand with a pencil, pen, paintbrush or crayon? Maybe they're a budding poet, busy conjuring up their next short story, or have a great idea for a brand-new comic strip? Maybe technology is their thing, and they're a Photoshop hotshot who can produce eye catching designs online? Whatever their talent, Modeshift Stars South Yorkshire, Travel South Yorkshire and PWLC Projects are inviting children and young people from South Yorkshire to put together a story, poem, poster or comic strip about the positive changes in our lives over the last few weeks, and how we can inspire our families to continue these activities as part of our daily lives when schools and workplaces re-open.

Full details about the competition can be found on the attached poster and via the following link:

<https://travelsouthyorkshire.com/StaySafeGetActive/>.

The deadline for entries is **Friday 22 May 2020**. Students should email their entries to StaySafeGetActive@pwlcpjoints.com, including their name, age and school within their email.

We would also love you to share your entries with us. You can do this by sending them to prouthursday@penistone-gs.uk.

Proud Thursday!

Last week we had an overwhelming number of submissions for Proud Thursday and we managed to flood Twitter, sharing all the amazing things our students had been up to! A huge thank you to everyone who got in touch!

We can't wait to receive the photos and videos of all the excellent things your children have been doing this week. Please continue to encourage them to upload items either directly to our Twitter account (@PGSALC using #ProudThursday), or to our dedicated Proud Thursday email account: prouthursday@penistone-gs.uk.

(Please note; by sending a photograph or video to prouthursday@penistone-gs.uk, you/your child is providing your/their consent for the information shared, together with the student's name and year group, to be published on Twitter).

Penistone 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service

During the Covid-19 period, Barnsley 0-19 Public Health Nursing Service are available to support children, young people and families who may have specific needs during this time and may require support, either virtually or in person.

You can access the service by telephoning the Single Point of Access number, 01226 774411, Monday to Thursday, 8:45am to 4:45pm, and Fridays 8:45am to 4:15pm (with the exception of bank holidays).

For those who may not know, there is also a 0-19 Public Health Nursing Facebook page, which has new Public Health information and support for families posted daily.

Thank you from Sheffield Children's Hospital

We wanted to end this week's newsletter with evidence of the impact our school community's ongoing commitment to our "Be Supportive" Core Value has.

Our students, supported by their families and our staff, continue to do all they can to raise funds for our nominated charity, Sheffield Children's Hospital.



To give you an insight into how much our ongoing support means, we wanted to share a letter we have recently received from Lucy Rathbone, Regional Fundraiser, on behalf of Sheffield Children's Hospital, thanking us for a recent donation we have made to them.

"Thank you for your kind donation of £1,500.00 recently received by The Children's Hospital Charity.

Our charity exists to enhance Sheffield Children's Hospital through advancing pioneering medical treatment and research, creating a comfortable and engaging environment, changing children's lives every day from across the UK and beyond.

Your donations make Sheffield Children's Hospital even better, by creating an environment built with children in mind. With your help, we fund new facilities, vital research, specialist equipment and a comfortable, engaging setting to help thousands of children from across the UK and beyond.

Our hospital is not a sad place - it is filled with smiles and laughter from our patients and staff, as we create an environment with adventure, distraction and different things to discover around every corner. Every day our doctors and nurses treat children with ground-breaking medical advancements, making our hospital one of the top children's hospitals for paediatric care. Sheffield Children's Hospital is an extraordinary place which has always depended on charitable support; you are making a difference to the thousands of children and their families that visit.

Thank you for doing something amazing and helping us to build a brighter future for our children".

Every act of kindness, no matter how small, will always make a difference, and never more so than in times of adversity. Thank you for your ongoing support of Sheffield Children's Hospital, of our school, and most importantly, of each other.

We speak on behalf of everyone at Penistone Grammar School when we express our pride in being part of this fantastic community.

Useful links

We have included below quick links that have been shared over recent weeks that you may find helpful:

Key Worker and Vulnerable Booking Form:
[Booking Form](#)

Requesting support with Frog when you cannot log in to the system:

[Frog Support Request](#)

Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our students during the school closure period:

[Mental Health Frog Page](#)

Instructions on how to download the My FROG App:

[My FROG App download instructions.](#)

Student Assignments from 20 April:

Walk-through Video

[Student Assignments from 20 April](#)

Contacting school by email (general enquiries):

enquiries@penistone-gs.uk

Follow us on Twitter:

@PGSALC

Sending us your Proud Thursday submissions:

prouidthursday@penistone-gs.uk

#StaySafe Get Active Competition Details:

<https://travelsouthyorkshire.com/StaySafeGetActive/>.

New Library Development:

[Mrs Demetriou's blog](#)

Become a Friend of our new PGS Library:

[DonateMySchool](#)

