



# Newtownhamilton High School

9 Armagh Road, Newtownhamilton  
NEWRY, Co. Down  
BT35 ODG

**Principal:** Mr N Megaw BEd MSc PQHNI  
**E-mail:** nmegaw549@c2kni.net  
**Website:** www.newtownhamiltonhigh.org.uk

**Telephone:** 028 30878246  
028 30878192

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Please find below some important information which you should share with your child/children.

## Half-Term Holidays

Our normal half-term school holidays (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February inclusive) will proceed as planned despite our current closure. Therefore, remote learning will end tomorrow (Friday 12<sup>th</sup>) at 3.00pm and resume at 9.05am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

I am fully aware of the challenges that everyone is facing with remote learning and I am mindful that many of my staff members are teaching online while also home schooling their own children. For this reason, I have instructed my staff to 'power off' all electronic devices next week so that they can enjoy important family time. I encourage our pupils to do the same, although I am aware that a small minority need to use this time productively to catch up on missed work. Either way, any urgent school related queries should only be directed to me ([nmegaw549@c2kni.net](mailto:nmegaw549@c2kni.net)) during the holiday period.

## Health, Well-Being & Internet Safety Day

Well done to everyone who participated in our Health, Well-Being & Internet Safety Day that took place earlier this week with a selection of photographs uploaded to our Facebook page.

Our well-being is so important at this time and pastoral support is still available for pupils despite our current closure. Further information is available on our website.

## Year 10 Options

Over recent weeks, I have received many queries about the start date for our Year 10 Options process. I would prefer to complete this process face-to-face and therefore I have purposely held off hoping that it can start on the provisional return to school date of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The NI Executive are due to review the current restrictions next week and if they decide to postpone the current return date, then I will initiate an electronic process.

In the meantime, our Year 10 pupils should research the recently revamped subject pages on our school website in order to identify possible courses for study in Years 11 & 12.

## Remote Learning Survey

Over recent weeks, I have gathered oral feedback from many parents/guardians. After the half-term holidays, we will be distributing a link to an online survey which will give everyone an opportunity to give their views on remote learning.

Finally, I trust our pupils have an enjoyable and safe half-term holiday.

Yours faithfully

*Neil Megaw*

Principal