

Friday, 19th June 2020

Dear Year 11 student,

As today would have been the LaSWAP Taster Day, we thought it was a good time to make contact with you again. Taster Day is normally held at La Sainte Union School and all Year 11 students are invited. It is an opportunity to find out more about life and learning in LaSWAP and to sample lessons in different subjects. Regrettably, we cannot do this at the moment. We continue to think about what we can do to make up for the things that you have missed out on this year and how to ensure you have the best possible start next academic year.

None of us know yet what the situation will be in September so LaSWAP are planning for a number of different scenarios. The government's ambition is to bring all students back full time from September, and we are planning for this. It is possible that students will return to school but not full time in the first instance. This will mean that you will have a mix of face-to-face teaching and online learning, what is sometimes called "blended learning". However, we hope that if everything goes well, with further falls in COVID-19 infection rates, full-time school will resume in the Autumn term.

We realise that having good internet access and having your own computer will be particularly important for your learning and progress next year, especially if we cannot return to full-time school in September, or if schools have to close temporarily next term. The four LaSWAP schools are working collaboratively to secure suitable laptops for students and we are considering ways of financing this so that all students, regardless of their financial situation, will benefit.

Across LaSWAP the sixth form teachers also teach Years 7 to 11. These teachers are in a good place to support you as you embark on your Year 12 courses, as they know you well. In most cases you will be based in your current school and have most of your lessons there, although you will probably go to another LaSWAP school for one of your courses depending on what you choose to do. This gives a good mix of something familiar and something new. By now, you will ideally have embarked on your transition to sixth-form activities which should be linked to the courses that you want to study. We call these Enrolment Assignments. We will finalise your courses at LaSWAP enrolment in August.

We will write to you again nearer the time with more details about results day and enrolment in each of the schools. In the meantime, do your very best to engage with the transition work. Please do get in touch with the people you know in your home school if you would like some support, advice or guidance at this time.

Our very best wishes,

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