

16th April 2020



Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I would like to start by saying that I hope that you and your family are remaining safe and well during this difficult time and continue to follow Government guidelines in regards to social distancing and staying at home. I hope you have had a restful and peaceful Easter 'break' and I would like to pass my personal thanks to the continued support and kind messages we continue to receive.

I will be contacting my staff later today to talk about work being set for all of our students. It remains unclear when School will re-open and I feel a decision on this may be taken in the near future. As soon as there is any plan, I will communicate with you all.

Years 11 and 13

There is now a short consultation from the DfE in regards to achievements for our examination years, but staff will be asked to provide a predicted grade for our students using a range of information. We will not be able to share this grade with students or parents. The grade will then be standardised nationally and this grade may change. I appreciate that this will still be an anxious time as we await results - as it would normally - but every school in the country is in the same situation. I will also politely ask that parents and students do not contact staff to apply pressure or intimidate in any way in regards to inflating grades. Should this happen I will refer the case onto the appropriate authorities.

Transition work for students who are progressing from Year 11 into 6th form will be available early in the new term.

Year 10 and 12

I would ask that all students continue to check for work in regards to option choices. Ensuring that our next year's exam classes do not miss out on work and course content will be one of our priorities in the coming weeks. Mrs McGinty has been analysing work that has been completed and those students which have not yet logged into Show My Homework and a member of the leadership team will be contacting those students and parents next week to ascertain if there are any issues and how we can help if need be.

Years 7, 8 and 9

Accessing work without direct support for many students may be a challenge and in light of this, I would simply ask that students in Key Stage 3 complete the work they can, keep active and keep busy and try to keep to a routine. Year 9 should continue to work on the early stages of their GCSE courses and contact departments (email addresses on our website) if any help is needed. Year 8 option choices are nearly completed and we will publish these in the near future.



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On a final note, I am delighted to announce that our KS5 performance last year won an SSAT Educational Outcomes Award. We were placed in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for student attainment and achieving significantly higher than national average student progress, in applied general subjects at Key Stage 5.

This is an absolutely fantastic achievement and a huge well done to our students.

I will maintain a weekly communication with you all to provide any updates as they are available. Please stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Denial'.

Mr R Denial
Principal