

27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

To: Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly can I say a big thank you for all you are doing in supporting your child's learning as we enter this new way of delivering and assessing our curriculum. It has been truly staggering to see the quality of work that is being submitted – ranging from some fantastic looking meals cooked by our students, the morning workouts with Joe Wicks and the PE challenges taking place, the amazing doodle challenge and the quizzes and exercises across all subjects that keep your son / daughter's learning progressing during this difficult time.

As we draw towards the end of week one, we shall be evaluating how this has gone, gathering feedback from parents, students and staff. I'm aware some are finding the amount of work just right, and we've had some really positive feedback but also some are finding it too much, especially when combined with all the other responsibilities such as working from home and caring for other children. As I said right at the start, as with everything we do for the first time we will learn lessons and adapt over time to ensure the students get the best deal possible – we will listen to feedback and communicate any change in plans in plenty of time for the resumption of 'normal' home lessons after the Easter break. This is a new way of working for us all and we want to get it right so that when the time comes to return to the academy, the students are in as strong a position as possible to continue their learning. After the Easter break we also want to start celebrating the work that our students have been doing as well as posting some challenges and competitions. Our aim with this is to continue to celebrate the successes and achievements of our students in the same way we do when we're all together in school. In fact, now is probably the time we aim to do it better than ever before!

I hope you have a good Easter break and enjoy the bank holidays, but please could I continue to echo the government's advice about staying at home unless shopping for food and medicine, exercising as per the published guidance, attending medical appointments or acting as a carer (this includes transporting children between parents' homes) and travelling to and from work where absolutely essential. If we all work together we can beat this and the only way to protect the NHS is to isolate ourselves as much as possible. If we all do our bit, things will get back to normal as soon as possible.

Thank you again for the brilliant job you are all doing. I will be in touch again next week.

Yours faithfully



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