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8th April 2020

Dear Students,

Re: Year 11 and 6th form

As the school is currently closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is really important to remember that although we are not together in person we are still a community.

The Sixth Form Team and teachers have been working hard to ensure that current and upcoming students are supported during this difficult time. In addition to this, students can also contact their teacher/s and tutors via SMHW, Google classroom or via email.

Year 11 - we know that an unexpected end to your GCSEs is not easy and many of you will have worries about how to prepare for your next chapter. We have put together a super-curriculum document which contains book, film/documentary and podcast suggestions for each subject. When you are applying for apprenticeships and universities, they look for students who have engaged in super curricula activities as it demonstrates you going further than the course content and extending your knowledge and passion. We are giving you a reason to watch more Netflix and use your phones - no complaining here!

After Easter there will be more information available to you on our website. We will be uploading some more detailed work for each subject to help you prepare for your BTEC or A-level study with us. There are also some other documents which include free online courses, information on apprenticeships and how to be employable from home. I would highly recommend that you all complete at least one free course on MOOCS or Future Learn and the A-level mindset course, which are included on the online courses document.

Year 12 - Your teachers have been setting you work on SMHW and Google classroom but they will not be setting work over the Easter break. This will give you a chance to catch up on any outstanding work and get involved with a few other items we have been working on. We have put together the super-curriculum document with you in mind too as it contains book, film/documentary and podcast suggestions for each subject. When you are applying for apprenticeships and universities, they look for students who have engaged in super curricula activities as it demonstrates you going further than the course and extending your knowledge and passion. There are also some other documents which include free online courses, information on apprenticeships and how to be employable from home. I would highly recommend that you all complete at least one free course on MOOCS or future learn and the A-level mindset course, which are included on the online courses document. This is even more crucial as most work experience places have had to be cancelled.

You will be receiving some information re UCAS, personal statements via Google classroom.

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Year 13 - We know the uncertainty has been stressful but now it is important you use this time to develop yourself and prepare for your adventure into the adult world! There are several documents that we have created for you, which include how to prepare for university, what do to if university is not for you, how to complete a strong application, free online courses and a study skills preparation task for university. Feel free to also look at the super-curriculum document and find a new book to read or film to watch linked to what you will study at University.

You will continue to receive support about UCAS, student finance, accommodation and apprenticeships via Google Classroom.

Year 12 and 13 - Continue to check in with us on Google Classroom and engage in our weekly Wednesday quiz and watching the Monday motivational videos.

Enjoy reading our half termly newsletter and have a restful Easter!

Safe well, stay safe and stay home.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs Loyal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mrs Loyal
Assistant Vice Principal KS5