



03rd April 2020

A message from our Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all in good health and are taking care of yourselves in these challenging times.

I want to thank all parents for your continued support, we welcome communication and updates regarding your child, we are interested in your feedback on the quality of work and communication that you have been receiving so please continue to email any feedback or questions to enquiries@salfordcity-academy.org

Updates this week:

Completion of work

Teachers are beginning to receive work from students. 60% of Year 10 students have completed tasks set in Maths and Science – Well Done. We would like the remaining 40% of students to also try to complete some of the set tasks. It is so important that Year 10 students, who are now in the middle of their GCSEs continue with their studies. To support students, we are seeking to acquire more laptops and electronic devices. Please contact your child's tutor, if your child requires support with electronic devices whilst school is closed.

After Easter, we will set new learning for all Year 10 students, we want to ensure that all students will be fully prepared for forthcoming examinations and assessments. Mr. Rashud will give more information to students – *see below in the Student Update*.

Reading

All students in the Academy are making excellent progress in their reading. We would like all students to continue to read at home and we recommend at least 20 minutes of reading per day. Please read this article on our website [link](#), there are lots of free resources and authors who are enabling students to read books for free. Please encourage a love of reading!

Free School Meals

We have now been able to send vouchers to all families entitled to Free School Meals. It is crucial that we have accurate **email and contact details** for all parents and carers. Please contact the enquiries email if your contact details are not up-to-date. I don't want families missing out on information and vouchers for food. During the Easter holidays we will provide packed lunches for all students who currently receive a free school meal, again please email should you wish your child to receive a packed lunch during the Easter holidays.

Well-being

We want all our students to feel healthy and to keep themselves mentally and physically fit. There are a number of resources we have placed on the website to support parents and students during school closure. Mrs Dawson has posted the following '[Active Coping Calendar](#)' please encourage your child to engage in some of the daily activities - give it a go!!

Assemblies

We will be producing weekly assemblies for all students – an email will be sent to all students – topics will include 'keeping safe', local and global news and events. We want our students to know we are keeping in touch and we feel it is important to maintain contact with them during school closure.

I really hope you all have a safe and enjoyable Easter break, we are so proud of all our students and really value the messages of support we have received from parents and carers, please continue to keep in touch.

Best Wishes

Ms M Haselden



A message to our Students from Mr Rashud, Vice Principal

Hi Students,

All staff at the academy pass on our best wishes and we hope that everyone is well and taking care of themselves. Getting used to working at home isn't easy and we have been impressed with how you have adapted. It's great to see students contacting their teachers with questions about work they have been set. It's also fantastic to see students in Year 10 and 11 emailing teachers with their work so it can be assessed. Keep this up!

Your work

At the moment your work is set as per the table below. We have tried to keep things straightforward so that it is easy to understand what to do.

After Easter this will change slightly so that:

- It is easier to submit your work and receive feedback (see below)
- There will be a reading activity every day and an activity using 'The Day' every week

To make submitting and receiving feedback on your work easier we will be using **Microsoft Teams**. We will be using the **Assignments** function of Microsoft Teams to do this. To start off, after the Easter break we will introduce this with Year 10. We will then introduce it to Years 7, 8 and 9 after that.

Year 10 students – you will receive an email from your tutor with instructions about how to set up and use Assignments and Microsoft Teams. These instructions will also be on the school website.

Years 7, 8 and 9 – your tutors will let you know when we will be starting this with you

Your teachers will continue to set the work on ClassCharts and they will provide ppts, information sheets and links to useful websites and clips.

Y11 students – continue to complete the work set by your teachers. This will help you prepare for your post 16 studies

WORK	KS3	Y10	
When will my work be set?	- Once a week - On a Monday - By all your subjects	Once a week	
		Mon	English
		Tues	Maths
		Wed	Science
		Thurs	Option subjects
		Fri	Ebacc subjects
When and how is my work handed in?	- Your exercise book will be handed in and marked when you return to school - After Easter: Every week	- The same day the following week - After Easter: Using Microsoft TEAMS	
How will I get feedback?	- Your exercise book will be handed in and marked when you return to school - When you start using Microsoft TEAMS you will receive	- WCF from your teacher - Answers provided for you to self-mark - Marking: marking and emailing back by your teacher	
What activities will I be doing?	- Reading over topics - Answering questions about the topic - Improving your work by using	- Reading over topics - Answering questions - Completing past papers - Improving work by using teacher feedback	
How long will it take?	- 1 hr per wk per subject	- 2 hrs per wk per subject	

If you have any questions...

About your work in general and how it is set....

Email your Form Tutor. Your Form Tutor will be able to answer questions or find someone who can answer your question

About work for a specific subject....

Email your teacher for that subject to ask questions about the work in that subject

General Points

Set yourself clear targets when you are working. It's easy to get distracted so plan when you will do things. You have a week to complete work in each subject so prepare a plan around your other commitments. You may decide to do more some days than others or you find that you prefer working earlier in the day for example

Make sure you take time to exercise. Daily exercise is very important and will help you to keep fit and healthy

Stay in touch with friends. Obviously don't meet up (social distancing!) but try and keep in contact with people so you have someone to speak to!

We understand that not everyone has access to a computer at home. If you are struggling to access a computer to do your work please let us know. We can then organise posting out work to you. Ring and tell us or send an email to enquiries@salfordcity-academy.org

Take care of yourselves and stay safe

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