



## Special Edition– March 2020

PROTECT THE **NHS** **save lives**

**You should only be sending your child to school if you have to, because your work is critical to our COVID-19 response**

**If you are able to keep your child at home, you should.**

## A message from our Principal

Dear Parents,

I want to thank you for your continued support in these very challenging times. Many of you have contacted staff in the Academy to seek further clarification on a number of issues. I will take this opportunity to update you on the following:

FSM - We are currently working with Morrisons and United Learning to provide

food vouchers. I hope to be able to email food vouchers to identified families early next week. In the meantime, we are providing packed lunches for students eligible for Free School Meals. Please email if you would like to collect a packed lunch at the school gates, midday each day.

Paris Trip - We have been able to refund monies paid for the Paris trip. Refunds are now being processed and should be returned to all families by early next week. Please keep checking your Parent Pay accounts for this.

Home Learning - All teachers have been setting work on class-charts. The table below indicates the timetable for completion and submission of work. I fully acknowledge that some parents may find it challenging to enforce study at home, we are here to support you. We would like KS3 students to complete 1 hour per subject each week. KS4 students should aim to complete on average 2-3 hours per subject each week. If your child is finding the work too challenging then please ask them to email their teacher, who can provide some support.

After Easter, we will provide some guidance on how we can continue to learn new curriculum content as we move towards the summer months.

It is important for students to engage in some physical exercise and take breaks in their studies, we have posted some useful websites and guidance on keeping physically and mentally healthy during this challenging period. If you do have any concerns regarding the well-being of your child please email your child's tutor and they will refer your concern to a member of the pastoral team, who will then call you at home to discuss your concerns.

I am immensely proud of all students and staff. They have demonstrated resilience, kindness and positivity in the last week. I am fortunate to work in our caring community, please take care and keep safe.

Ms M Haselden

## A message to our Students from Mr Rashud, Vice Principal

Hello 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 emailing 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!

### Setting of 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:

- Students in all year groups will be able to hand in work. We will provide details of how to do this over Easter.
- There will be a reading activity using 'The Day' every week (We will provide some more information about this soon.)

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

WORK	KS3	KS4			
		Y10		Y11	
When will my work be set?	- Once a week - On a Monday	Once a week		Once a week	
		Mon	Eng	Mon	Ma
		Tues	Ma	Tues	Sc
		Wed	Sc	Wed	En
		Thurs	Options	Thurs	Ebacc
		Fri	Ebacc	Fri	Options
When and how is my work handed in?	- Your work will be handed in and marked when you return to school	- Same day the following week - Email it to your teacher		- Same day the following week - Email it to your teacher	
How will I get feedback?	- Your work will be handed in and marked when you return to school	- <b>WCF</b> from your teacher - <b>Answers</b> provided for you to self-mark - <b>Marking:</b> marking and emailing back by your teacher		- <b>WCF</b> from your teacher - <b>Answers</b> provided for you to self-mark - <b>Marking:</b> marking and emailing back by your teacher	
What activities will I be doing?	- Reading over topics - Answering questions about the topic	- Reading over topics - Answering questions - Completing past papers - Improving work by		- 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		- 3 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, but try and keep in contact with people so you have someone to speak to!
- If you have any questions or concerns about the Coronavirus use the area on the school website to find the answers to questions that you might have

We hope you find this useful and above all stay safe. We look forward to welcoming you back to School as soon as we can!

Mr Rashud

Vice Principal