



27th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for the work that you have done in supporting your children at home with the work that has been set by their teachers during this national crisis. I have had lots of good feedback from pupils, parents and staff in terms of the volume of work that has been completed, but also the quality.

We are aware that earlier this week there were several teething problems with some of our online platforms as they struggled to cope with the huge demand on their servers from across the whole country. We really appreciate both yours and the students' patience and perseverance with these platforms and we are told, that, in the majority of cases these issues have now been resolved.

I have attached to the email a document produced by 'The Key' which gives some guidance for parents in terms of how to support home learning and also there are listed some video resources that you might find useful during this time. As the document suggests this is also an ideal time for students to develop their curiosity in particular areas and also to learn some practical skills to help them to become more independent in later life, such as cooking, working the washing machine etc. Staff will continue to set work through Class Charts and will also be looking to award achievement points to students that produce excellent pieces of work.

Remember the "Speak Out" button is available on our website if you have any concerns regarding the well-being and safety of any child during this time. Please remind your son/daughter that this is one way that they can keep in touch.

For those parents of students in Year 11 and Year 13, Ofqual has issued a further update on the 2020 exams. You can find this here: <https://tinyurl.com/r5oy5ck>.

I hope that you are safe and well and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Many thanks

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