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Dear parents & carers

We hope this finds your families safe and well. We have been so impressed with our students and have greatly enjoyed seeing what they have been up to, whether that be enjoying some of the PE challenges, sending photos of cooking or simply enjoying reading.

As parents and carers, please try not to put too much pressure on yourselves around supporting children with home learning. We understand that many of you will be finding it hard and might be feeling anxious about it. We are aware that, for many subjects, a great deal of work has been put on *Show My Homework* and we have been reviewing this over the last few weeks. It is of course difficult to judge how much children will get through, as all children work at different rates. Below outlines our plans moving forward.

### Learning opportunities from 20 April

After Easter, we would like to consolidate what we are doing and approach setting work in a more consistent manner to support students and parents and carers to navigate this.

As such, as of week commencing the 20 April, work will be released for the week on **Monday** (for Key Stage 3) and **Tuesday** (for Year 10).

There will be one post, per subject, per week.

The work that is provided for students is aimed at maintaining engagement and motivation as two priorities. We do not want students or parents to worry unnecessarily over making huge gains in new knowledge. It would be unreasonable of us to assume that all students would be able to guide themselves, even alongside home support, in acquiring huge volumes of new knowledge and content and to feel confident and secure in this knowledge. We do, however, want students to be safe, happy and for them to keep their engagement alive.

### Feedback to students

We realise that many students would appreciate some feedback on the work they are producing. As such, one small task or some form of student correspondence (e.g. a photo of work, or an update from them) per subject per week may be asked for. This can be posted up using *Show My Homework*. Instructions to support students in doing this will be posted on our website.

This isn't compulsory, but will offer students a chance to have some interactive comments from their teachers and for teachers to see how they are getting on.

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### **Additional things to remember**

- Getting students into a daily routine is really important, whatever that routine may be.
- If students get through the work quickly, then we suggest they spend some time reading
- We do not expect every student to finish all of it, and there is certainly no question of anyone getting in trouble for not doing so
- Some teachers will be looking after their own children with difficult working situations at home and some teachers may be unwell, so please do not worry if feedback does not happen within one week
- If some of this work does not get done, or they do not understand everything, it doesn't matter! These are simply learning opportunities, and we will work to close any gaps when things return to some form of normality. If one day becomes a day for reading, cooking, playing games, chatting to relatives on the phone then that is great.

As a final note, we would like all students to have a really good break over Easter. We are asking staff to stop uploading work over Easter, and there is no expectation to be completing anything over Easter unless your children are adamant they would like to!

Wishing you and your families a safe and restful Easter.

Yours faithfully



Thomasina Lee  
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