

26<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
20:00hrs

Dear Families,

**Re: COVID-19 Update – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

I hope that you are all keeping well and enjoying the beautiful weather, with social distancing rules in mind of course!

**Show My Home Work – setting work and logging on**

As previously mentioned, we received feedback from families and students to say that the amount of work on SMHW was becoming overwhelming. Frequently asked questions included:

- 1) Where do we start? There is so much work!
- 2) How do we submit the work? Do we need to?
- 3) We only have telephone devices and it is not loading properly/requires printing. What should we do?

As a result, all departments are going to do the following where possible:

1. **New content once a week (every Monday) per year group.**
2. **Submission of work** – this will be marked clearly if it is expected. If your teacher would like you to email it to them, they will provide their email address.
3. **KS3 (years 7 to 9) will have open-ended work, or project style work.** Where possible, checklists will be created so that students know what they need and by when
4. **Year 10 work will be based on retrieval/revision of work already covered. New content will also be published where necessary** Where end of unit tests are set, the mark scheme will be uploaded the following week for self-marking and close the gap work.
5. **We will continue to set Year 11 revision work in preparation for GCSE exams in September should these go ahead**
6. **Documents will be uploaded in .pdf format rather than Word or PowerPoint.** This is so students who are accessing the work using mobile phones and tablets will be able to see the work set in the correct format
7. **Teachers will signpost students to online learning platforms, websites, online games, videos and webinars where possible as well**

We will review how this goes over the coming weeks and make alterations if we feel that it would be beneficial. Once again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Please encourage your children to log onto the SMHW system and complete the work set – we have looked at who has logged on and noticed that there are still a few students who have not yet accessed the work. It is vital that this needs to happen as your child will quickly fall behind if they are not doing what is needed of them.

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## **2020 GCSE Examinations**

Ofqual will be giving guidance next week on how GCSE grades will be calculated for this academic year. As soon as I receive this information, I will let you know.

## **Safeguarding**

Please see attached for a safeguarding/other services poster. There are some useful organisations and numbers that your child can contact should they feel they need someone to talk to during the time school is closed. We would be grateful if you could share this with your child.

As we reach the end of the first week of 'school closure', I would like to thank all of you for your understanding through this tricky time and for being teachers at home!

With all good wishes,



Krissi Carter  
Principal

