

Monday 27th April 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that everyone has been able to stay safe, since my last letter. As Term 5 is under way, I thought that I would update you with further news. Firstly, I continue to get frequent communication from parents who report that they find it hard to keep up with all they need to do as well as being teachers to their children. As mentioned before, please do not get anxious about this; everybody is trying and I appreciate all that you do, to try to maintain some normality, in your child's life. The important point is that your child should continue to communicate with staff, especially if they are struggling with the work. All emails will be responded to, quickly. Some parents have asked if their child can return to school; I am afraid this is not possible. For now, we can only accommodate students who are vulnerable or whose parents are key workers and only if they are unable to find alternative arrangements. As schools re-open, it is very likely that they will only do so gradually; as soon as I know more, I will share our plan with you.

Some Year 10 parents have asked if they can have a list of all our exam boards, in order to buy revision guides, for example. I attach / enclose the list for JoG students. As I mention Year 10, may I add that this is possibly the year group where the least work is returned to staff, so as a team, we are going to contact some of our quiet students, over the coming weeks. Year 10 students should be working hard and should find it easier to manage their workload, than younger students.

I also promised you that we would try to record some teaching clips and post them on YouTube. As we have had further announcements about GDPR and Safeguarding issues, it has been decided that such videos would only be uploaded to Class Charts and Teams. **Please watch out for the Year 10 English videos that have already been shared.** This week, we are hoping to upload something for science, music and art (as long as you log on to Class Charts and check regularly, you cannot miss it). The maths department have also recommended that all students use the following link, to watch clips on any topic of their choice:
<https://corbettmaths.com/contents/>

Please be aware that we are doing all we can to upload more videos but preparing, recording and editing does take a great deal of time.

Finally, I am very proud to say that some JoG staff are helping the NHS by providing equipment, such as visors and kit bags. Mr England is leading the way in conjunction with St John's, where he also teaches. If you are keen to support us (and our wonderful PSA) and are able to donate some money towards this fantastic work please do so by using the following details:

Sort Code: 30 94 46

Account Number: 00249396

Please do make sure that you use the reference JOG PSA Covid-19, if you make a donation.

If you wish to see examples of the finished product, please visit our website or
<https://www.prusa3d.com/covid19/>

This is a statement from Mr England, with further information:

So far, we have distributed around 150 Prusa RC3 face shields to care homes, GP practices and some hospital departments. They are a more robust, and therefore reusable version of other visor designs available and so are good for certain job roles. They can be sterilised under correct conditions although the elastic may need replacing (we do give spare where possible).

If you think you know people who might need them please contact them and ask but with the details of the specific visor. It is much more helpful if people already know the spec and sterilisation details.

So please, as well as making donations if you can, do let us know if there is a need for our equipment near you, so that we can reach as many people as possible.

I will undoubtedly write again soon, in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch, if we can help and do take care.

Yours sincerely,



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