

4th May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Last week we were able to hold an increased number of conversations with many families, which was great because it confirmed that you are all doing an amazing job in supporting us with the learning of your child. It is clear that students are working hard and are able to return their work, for feedback. Please do remember that you can drop your child's work at school; as long as it is clearly labelled, it will find its way to the correct teacher. We have also listened carefully to feedback (many of you told us that you could not keep up with the bulk of the work when it arrives all at once); therefore we are going to move to 3-weekly paper packs, rather than send them fortnightly. If your child; however, does not have enough work, do get in touch and we can sort it quickly. The new home timetable and daily Class Charts uploads do stay the same, so this should also support you in organising what needs to be completed.

Some parents have asked that we forward all staff's email addresses; I have attached this information for you. Please do remember that staff are working very hard to keep up with all they have to do and manage their family demands as well, so emails should be used to return work and for urgent queries only. If your query is of a generic nature, please direct it to me or one of my colleagues on the Senior Leadership Team.

In other news:

- As I have mentioned before, Year 10 will have assessments in all their subjects, during the last week of term; further details will follow very soon.
- Year 11 should continue to complete some work, especially subjects they will need post-16, as well as English and maths, as appropriate. I have told them that we are also trying to reschedule the Prom in September, so hopefully this will be something to look forward to.
- **Year 11 Literature texts – could all Year 11 who borrowed Macbeth, A Christmas Carol and An Inspector Calls return the texts to school please?** You can send them or drop them in the reception area, with your name. Thank you.
- Teaching videos: we have had some positive feedback from some students and will continue to record what we can and upload them to Teams and Class Charts.
- **LITERACY:** we hope that your child is able to read daily. If your child has a library book they would like to return in exchange for a new one, let us know and we will try to facilitate this.
- A reminder to support our PSA and our St John's and John O' Gaunt colleagues who are making PPE. If you are able to donate (no donation too small), please use the following details:

Sort Code: 30 94 46

Account Number: 00249396

Please do make sure that you use the reference JOG PSA Covid-19

Finally, you will know that the Prime Minister is likely to make an announcement soon about lock down and in particular the potential re-opening of schools. We do not anticipate having all the answers immediately, but we will work very hard to do all we can to support this decision, when or if it comes. As always, I will keep you informed as soon as I am able to do so; rest assured that our top priority will be the safety of our students and staff.

Thank you again for all that you are doing as parents; we truly appreciate your help in these difficult times.

Stay safe everyone and do not hesitate to contact us, if we can be of further help.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Mrs Walker', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Walker
Head of School

Enc – staff email addresses