

Monday 18th May 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that the JoG community, all our students and their families are well and safe. Throughout last week, we have had many more communications with parents and students and we have tried to contact every family, at least once. If you have not had any contact with anybody from school yet, please let me know and I will ensure that someone gets in touch with you this week.

In this letter, before I highlight some reminders and update you with some news, I wanted to say a huge 'Well done' to all our students who are working hard and returning some stunning work. If you have time, please visit our website and look at some of the fantastic work we have received. If my colleagues let me know, I always try to acknowledge the students but if I have missed anyone, please parents, do remind your child that my colleagues and I are so proud of all that students continue to do at home and often, independently.

A few reminders:

- This week is Y10 assessment week. Students will either have received a paper pack or access all their assessments on Class Charts and / or Teams. Please ensure, if you can, that they complete the tasks in test condition and that they adhere to the timings. Thank you. Students should return the work as soon as it is completed (they can return any work by email / Teams / Class Charts submission or via post).
- I sent you a questionnaire on Friday; please complete it if you have time. **If you are a Year 10 parent**, let us know how you feel about your child returning to school, if we were to re-open before the end of the academic year.

Finally, some new information for you:

- If your child is in Year 9, he / she can now focus solely on Core subjects (English, maths and science) as well as on the subjects they have chosen for their options next year. They do not have to complete history work, for example, if they are not studying it next year.
- We have decided to introduce new content as part of the work we will be setting, from next term, especially for Years 9 and 10. I will soon be writing to you again with an outline of what staff will be expecting and how each student should approach their new learning. As always, staff will be available to support students; please encourage your child to email his / her teachers, if he / she is struggling with any aspect of the work.
- You will have heard much in the news about the re-opening of schools. As part of the Excalibur Trust, we have been told that information will be communicated when appropriate. Be reassured that we will do all that is possible to ensure the safety of students and staff before any decision is made.

I wish you all a peaceful end of Term 5; I will be in touch again soon. Please remember that Excalibur schools will be closed during the May half-term.

Do stay safe and do not hesitate to get in touch if you need anything.

Kindest regards,



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Head of School