

25th March 2020

Dear Pupils,

I really do hope this letter finds you and your family, friends and loved ones in good health.

We are all living through very challenging times. It is now time for you to play your part in rising to this challenge at a time of national and global crisis. You can help a lot. The part you play will support your parents/carers. The part you play will help save lives. Never has there been a time when your school motto 'Have the Courage to be Wise' has really meant so much. Do the right things - be a great son/daughter for your parents to be proud of, be great brother/sister to support your family.

I've created brief list of things you can do.

1. STAY AT HOME - This will save lives.
2. Help out at home - offer to tidy up, help with mealtime, keep your bedroom tidy, help with younger brothers and sisters. Make mum and dad a cup of tea!
3. Keep up with the school work that has been placed on the website - there is plenty to keep you busy. More work will be added after Easter.
4. Read every day.
5. Challenge yourself to remember as much as you can from your Knowledge Organisers.
6. Find something interesting to do. There are lots of educational and interesting websites and TV programmes. Don't spend too much time on game consoles.
7. Remember to say 'Thank you' to your parents/carers for everything they are doing for you at this difficult time. You need to look after them as much as they look after you.
8. In everything that you do, always have 'High Expectations and offer No Excuses'.

The school is now closed to all students. If you do need to contact the school at anytime then please use your Head of Year email address-

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We really don't know how long this situation will last for. However, you can be confident that when you do return to school you will be supported to make sure you catch up on all that you need. Those of you who use the time away wisely will be better placed to be successful later in school life. Do not waste the time you have to learn what you can from home.

In challenging times I have always found prayer to be of great comfort. I have included the Academy Prayer at the end of this letter. It might be something you can reflect on and share with your family.

This will be a real test of your character. It's a chance to show just how resilient you are. I know you can rise to this challenge. You can show everyone just how great you are. It really is up to you.

I will look forward to seeing you all when we return.

Best wishes,

Paul Mc

Lord Jesus

Thank you that we are uniquely created and loved by you.

May we have the courage to be wise, discover our talents, share your light in the world and know life in all its fullness.

Amen