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Parent Bulletin: 2nd April 2020

Message from the Headteacher

We are coming towards the second week of working under these extraordinary circumstances and I can't tell you how impressed and proud we feel about what students and staff are doing.

GCSE Update

Many questions are around what GCSE grades will look like this summer and how they will be arrived at. Ofqual's guidance will be published over the next week, so we should know more to inform those students currently in Year 11.

School Closure Information and Easter Period

The school remains **closed** and we will be guided by the Department for Education and Public Health England in relation to this. The school is open to provide essential childcare over the Easter holidays for a limited number of children, those who are vulnerable and whose parents are keyworkers to the Covid-19 response. You should only send your child to school only if you have to, and this is critical to the COVID-19 response. If you are able to keep your child at home, you should. Please keep children at home if at all possible.

The school will however be closed to all students on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

The school office will be closed over the Easter holidays, if you need to contact use please use the email: Outside of these hours please use the email: contactstaindrop@staindropschool.com

Student Work

We have seen a large majority of students accessing the work being set and the next phase of learning includes:

- **Easter Assessments**: these are to be completed over the Easter period and is open book, meaning students can refer to online and book information to support them.
- **Post Easter learning** (weeks 1&2 on our return): This will be accessible from Monday 20th April

The assessments and work will be accessible through' Microsoft Teams'. If you require or would like **hard copies** the following schedule is in place:

- Friday 3rd April: Easter assessment pack available from reception (9-11am)
- Monday 20th April: Return Easter assessments and collect new work packs for the next two weeks.

We are continuing to develop the schemes of learning and looking forward to the variety and structure in the event of continued school closure.

Updates

We will continue to update you as government announcements are made and, in the meantime, please continue to access 'Microsoft Teams' or collect packs for the students' work.

Please continue to look after yourselves and be creative during the Easter period.

Regards

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Student Updates

Year 11: Further Education Preparation

We are currently in contact and working with our local college and training providers to provide students and their parents with information about the college admissions process this year, contact information and work students can be doing now to support them in the important transition to post 16 education and training. This information is being posted in the ***Year 11 Microsoft Teams area***, on the Academy's ***Facebook*** page and will be incorporated into ***parent bulletins***.

- **Bishop Auckland College**

Email the college at start@bacoll.ac.uk to be put in direct contact with a tutor who will then be able to talk to students in detail about things they could be doing to prepare and any suitable sector-specific resources.
The careers team can be contacted on careers@bacoll.ac.uk if any students have questions about applying and their future.

- **East Durham College (including the Houghall Campus)**

If students would like to study at East Durham College, they can put in an online application. For general enquiries, email enquiries@eastdurham.ac.uk or call the admissions team on 0191 518 8222.
Students and parents can also visit www.eastdurham.ac.uk for our Careers Advice Service and course information.

Rewards

We will be starting a student reward scheme to recognise efforts and work of students each week. These will be publicised on Facebook. This week students have been recognised for 'Random Acts of Kindness'

If you have any fantastic work or ideas that the students have been undertaking at home that you would like to share or have acknowledged, please forward these to contact: contactstaindrop@staindropschool.com

External Examination updates

Reminder about outstanding coursework

Can students who have subjects that require coursework please complete the outstanding work and liaise with classroom teachers.

E-Safety

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/

A great website to register and support parents / carers on e-safety. There is a link to an App that is currently being used called 'Houseparty'

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