

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that your family continues to be well and safe and everyone is managing to cope with the extra demands our present circumstances are putting on us.

We are in a difficult position. On the one hand we are aware that student grades will be based upon a range of data sets already held by school and the LA and no additional work since school finishing will be considered. On the other hand we are acutely aware that we do not want to do our students a disservice by not providing them with opportunities and encouragement to prepare for the post 16 courses they will hope to move onto. As we have said before and as it has been suggested by the full range of colleges - students will undergo far more assessment at college so that grades can be validated so continued learning is crucial.

This has provided the rationale for our new 'Bridge to Post 16' Distance Learning programme which has been devised in conjunction with Xaverian College. The hope is that the programme will help our students remain on track to secure their futures. As part of this broad Distance Learning programme students are challenged to choose elements from our three areas:

Successful: Ensure they retain current knowledge and aim to lay strong foundations to meet the challenges of post 16 study.

- Continue studying English and Maths for 3 to 4 hours a week
- Choose a Critical thinking / Sociology topic and produce work related to it
- Choose between 2 to 4 courses that students would like to start studying in September - these include both A level and Vocational courses.

Creative: Encourage students to continue on their personal development journey and strengthen their CV

- Choose a Creative task - something that interests students, inspires and encourages them to plan and follow a route independently building their skills and understanding

Happy: Practice their growth mind set, retain mental fitness and remain future focused

- Undertake weekly or daily Wellbeing activities and challenges to maintain a balance
- There will also be weekly messages and assemblies for the Year 11 team to support students and remind them we are still here supporting them

As part of the package there are three different timetables that students can fill out and follow - these are just suggestions and can be amended so that wider family circumstances and needs can be factored in.

The resources required for this year 11 programme of study can be found:

- On our Distance Learning section of our website - 'Bridge to Post 16 programme' tab
- On the Xaverian intranet
- On the web - details of the various sites are located in the booklet and the corresponding ppt which can be found on the website too.

In addition the Distance Learning site also contains:

- Parental and student communication information sent out – we have uploaded all the communication we have sent out since the start of the school closure for you to reference if you need to
- Family support information, Latest Government information and a collection of interesting articles – here we have included key information about support available to families, links to the latest Government advice and we are beginning to collate any interesting reading we find for you to browse at your leisure

We will be in touch regarding grading as soon as exam boards have shared further details and we are clear of the exact processes.

Kind regards,
Chorlton High School