

Dear Students,

Firstly, we miss you and hope you are all remaining positive and active during this time. You have now experienced your first week of distance learning and we hope you have found this useful. We will continue to set work on Doddle and any changes we make to distance learning will be shared with you as soon as possible. A quick tip; we know you are being set a lot of work at once and it can be overwhelming – please just use your weekly timetable to work your way through this as best you can.

We wanted to write to you to tell you about some of the things we are doing and want you to do over the next couple of weeks.

As most of you know we have a school Instagram account. We would like you to follow this as we are posting to Instagram several times a day to keep you updated you on things you can think about and do to fill your time proactively. Our Instagram account name is: **chorlton_high_school**.

We also wanted to let you know about next week's passion projects. It is really beneficial to get involved in these projects to ensure you are developing your qualities of success.

Year 7 and 8

Well done to those students who have completed last week's passion projects, working towards your pastoral curriculum badges. A reminder that Year 7 and Year 8 can work towards their pastoral badges by developing a communications piece; either a newspaper, magazine, written social page or journal based on "A year in the life of a young person in 2020".

This week is all around "When I Was Young" and we encourage students to research what life was like for a young person in 1920 in comparison to a young person's life today in 2020. Social distancing and isolation doesn't mean you can't talk to others. Think about FaceTime, emails and texts to keep socialising with family and friends.

Year 9

Well done to all those who have completed last week's passion projects, and therefore working towards the VESPA pastoral curriculum. A reminder that Year 9 can work towards their pastoral badges by developing a communications piece; either a newspaper, magazine, written social page or journal based on "If I could change the world/country/city, I would...".

This week is around "What would you want to achieve in a year from now" and we encourage students to think about their community, Manchester, school life and the UK as a whole. What can they learn from the next few weeks?

Year 10

Well done to the Year 10 students who have completed last week's passion projects, and worked towards the Organisation and Planning strand of the SSAT pastoral curriculum. A reminder that Year 10 can work towards their pastoral badges by completing the "My World and I" project.

This week is all around the "Understanding my Community" strand and we encourage our

students to research the effect of recent news on our climate, both locally, nationally and internationally. Social distancing and isolation doesn't mean you cannot talk to others. Think about FaceTime, emails and texts to keep socialising with family and friends, and find out the impact on their lives/community to help your project.

Look after your wellbeing

It is important that you are able to stay active and that you are taking care of your mental health. We will regularly assign tasks and advice to Doodle to support this. There is also an area on the school website that highlight activities. We would like you to consider the attachment on this page about relaxation techniques: <https://www.chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk/student-life/well-being-and-mental-health>

Coming soon:

- Chorlton High will be launching a YouTube channel – keep an eye on our social media accounts for this launch.
- A way to share your excellent work / projects / time spent doing something you are proud of.
- Easter projects will be sent next week. More information will follow next week.

Once again, all the teachers are thinking about you at this time, missing you and wishing you well. Please make sure you are following the government guide lines fully and making sure you are being kind to each other and your families. We will continue to be in touch.

Stay safe and well.

Kind regards,

Chorlton High School