

Dear students,

It is apparent after the latest government announcement that there is no set date for Year 10 students to return to school just yet. Thankfully, it does provide hope of some 'face to face' contact with your teachers before the Summer holidays. We will wait for a further update from the Government over the next few weeks. Given this announcement it is even more important that you find the motivation to keep going and keep working.

As we all know Year 10 is an important year for laying strong foundations for learning. If we were in school now we would be talking about the expectations for Year 11, getting you all ready for the time when working at home on independent study and revision becomes even more important as we begin to think more about GCSE exams and post 16 options. Lockdown has started you on this path sooner, With this in mind, staff are carefully considering the work that is being set and have wisely chosen crucial content that all Year 10 students are expected to know in their respective subject areas. This is a deliberate ploy as there will be little time in Year 11 to go back over topics in any great detail so it is important that you complete all the tasks set, to the best of your ability so that you continue to make progress and make a strong start to Year 11.

It is clear from the analysis of who is doing what on MS Teams that a very large majority of you are doing great, completing the work diligently. It is reassuring to know that you understand that the work completed now will ensure you perform better next year and take the pressure off having to catch up after falling behind. So Year 10, stay productive and maintain a strong routine, follow your timetable and get a minimum of 4 hours of study done a day, and then spend the rest of the day being creative and pursuing hobbies. For the few who have not yet started or are not doing enough - it is not too late – start today. This is your future you are working towards and to ensure your success in Year 11. If you need help, please just email school on admin@chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk and address it to either Mr Gosling, Miss Slinger or Miss Irwin - we will then organise for someone to call and talk to you.

In no time at all, in September we will be talking about colleges, applications and looking at predicted grades. We know that you may feel nervous about this, but remember, your teachers have lots of experience in supporting students through their examinations and helping them look at what is needed for future success, and we will do exactly the same, if not more for you! The work you are doing now will add up and help secure stronger grades giving you a better chance to get into the colleges you want.

As soon as the government issue clear guidance on when Year 10 can return we will let you and your families know. When you return I look forward to working with you more closely, alongside Ms. Irwin as your Head of Year and Ms. Sarwar, as Head of Upper School, and together we will prepare you for a successful year ahead. In the meantime continue to maximise your potential in the time you have at home.

Yours sincerely
Ms. Banger