



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly I want to thank you for the way yesterday's news was received – we have had overwhelming support from parents and many very kind messages supporting our actions and our wonderful staff here at GCA.

It is certainly our intention to maintain the current offer until at least the weekend. In other words, years 7 and 11 will be in school, while for years 8 to 10, we will endeavour to support you in enabling your son/daughter in working at home. Any change to this will be communicated as soon as possible.

As indicated yesterday, work will be set via the Show My Homework platform. You will, I'm sure want to ensure that children aren't in the local community during core school hours and, to make planning easier, students should generally aim to do work for particular subjects at the timings indicated on their normal timetable. Today, I am aware that one or two students have encountered technological barriers to accessing some of their work. While we will do our best to resolve these issues, sometimes it may be necessary for you to revert to more generic sources of work such as BBC Bitesize, exam board websites etc– an outline of the curriculum by subject for each year group can be found on the school website under the 'Learning' tab and GCSE exam board information will be sent home today. Mrs Rawcliffe will send out an information/help sheet later today which will hopefully help you to enable your child to work at home.

As I have directed staff to avoid direct 1:1 communication with students, if you do have queries, please use, and encourage your child to use, the email addresses I flagged up yesterday. Show My Homework should not be used as a line of communication. Replies to these enquiries should not be expected to be immediate.

While we can, we will continue provide a supervised learning area, and food, for students on Free School Meals as well as children whose parents/carers work for the NHS. Children attending on this basis must continue to sign in and out at reception on a daily basis.

If children have an urgent Safeguarding or Child Protection problem, they should, as always, follow the 'Keep Me Safe' link on the school website or contact appropriate authorities.

Thank you again for your amazing support and forbearance.

Very best wishes

Alasdair Ashcroft
Headteacher