



## **GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

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### **GCA Parent/Carer Briefing**

Monday 18/5/20

Good morning,

#### Return and Recover:

**Year 10:** While we are significantly closer to formulating a plan for year 10 to get some time with their teachers before the summer holidays, to support their virtual learning, it will only be finalised over the next couple of days.

My intention is still to, as soon as possible, communicate an outline of what we will be providing, and the on-site arrangements required to make it a reality. Once I have communicated this, I will ask you to give me an idea as to whether your child is likely to be attending.

**Other year groups:** It is becoming clear that there is no likelihood of a return of any sort this academic year – I'm really sorry!

More information will be sent out as and when we have it.

#### Key Worker/Vulnerable/EHCP Children - School Provision:

No change to arrangements: We have had one or two more in this week - If you would like your child to attend the provision, please email SLT@garstangcommunityacademy.com before 5.00pm the day before.

The more notice you can give us, the better.

If your child needs to catch a bus to access the provision, we will need 48 hours to organise this.

#### Children's work, and future implications:

Loads and loads of amazing work still coming in – well done! Please let us know if your child is struggling by emailing their Progress Leader.

Next week is half term, so no work will be set, and I would ask that work isn't submitted over half term either, to give our staff who have worked incredibly hard this half term, a proper break.

During the two weeks after half term some subjects, will be focusing on consolidating prior learning. This is not an official assessment/progress check week, however, for some subjects these two weeks will provide an opportunity to consolidate/revise previously covered work, and possibly get a measure of how well it has been learned with a mini test/assessment e.g. quizlet, show my homework quiz, SENECA assignment etc. Teachers will keep you informed.

A reminder, that children if fill their exercise books, they can just work in notebooks, or on paper. If you are struggling financially to provide something to write on or with, please just let us know by emailing your progress leader, and we will try to help.



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### Year 11

As this Friday would, almost certainly, have been the start of 'study leave', any additional setting of work which has still been taking place, will cease from this Friday – please continue to find work of the usual sites, including the FE college websites.

Clearly the Prom is not happening as planned, but Mr Holliday is working with Mr Kidd to canvass opinion regarding the possibility of a joint Prom/Achievement Evening in the Autumn Term – we know that you will have left us behind to a degree by then, but we really hope you will consider it.

### Year 10

As well as the 'return' information above, Mr Millatt is actively planning the Head Girl/Boy and prefects process – more information on its way very soon.

### Year 8

A reminder that we have suspended the Options Process, and will hope to re-commence this process during the Autumn Term, for a January start to GCSE courses etc.

### Year 7:

Mr Kidd will take over as Progress Leader for Year 7 from 1<sup>st</sup> June. Many thanks to him and a massive thank you to Ms Rainbow for her, as always, amazing efforts with year 7 both before and during 'lockdown' – you'll agree, I'm sure, that she is fab!

### A Bit of Fun

Please continue to send in your entries and photos for things like the GCA single and album, as well as the Great GCA Bake-off and other Well-being projects.

### Safeguarding:

You should have had a letter from '**National Online Safety for Parents and Carers**' with information on how to access resources designed to keep families safe online.

Other useful information can be found on <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/>

If there are ANY safeguarding issues, please contact us via the '**Keep me Safe**' button on the school website, or report them to the usual authorities.

### Sad goodbye

Very sadly, this Friday is the last day for Miss Hargreaves – she has been AMAZING, and we are really sad to see her go – her passion, her commitment, her challenging teaching, her boundless energy, and her happy smile will all be greatly missed. We wish her all the very best as she takes up a permanent position – we hope our paths cross again in the future.

Warm wishes, and stay safe

Mr Ashcroft