



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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GCA Parent/Carer Briefing

Monday 20/4/20

Hello, and welcome back.

I hope you and your families have had a good, safe, Easter holiday and managed to separate this from the term-time, lockdown, home education scenario.

There is clearly a significant amount of speculation in the news about when schools will re-open. For now, we are assuming that we will still be in this position until at least half term. Unless there are significant developments, I will continue to send home this Parent/Carer Briefing on a weekly basis.

This is a link to document from the Government, which is a useful read:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Key Worker/Vulnerable/EHCP Children - School Provision:

As we have had no students accessing our provision, the school provision status has now changed to reduce unnecessary contact and travel for staff. The provision is now only open if it is required. 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.

Work Being Set:

Please continue to read Mrs Rawcliffe's excellent Newsletters, which contain loads of the really fabulous activities taking place. Well done to everyone setting the fabulous work, the children completing the work and the parents encouraging and supporting the completion. A great team GCA effort – well done.

Just to keep you in the loop, teaching staff are also re-writing Schemes of Learning, and engaging in relevant CPD opportunities such as Online Safeguarding. (Many are also home educating their own children too.) We are also continuing to plan for next year, including thinking about what the most appropriate curriculum will be, recruiting key staff, ordering vital resources and continuing to develop our site. There's lots going on behind the scenes – the buildings might be closed, but we continue to look to the future and how to get better and better, with your support.

Free School Meals:

We are moving/have moved to a National Voucher Scheme– while there have been some National difficulties, I believe that voucher codes were finally sent out by email yesterday. These eVouchers should be sent to the 1st contact on a student's contacts in school – If there are any problems, please contact Mrs Smith via info@garstangcommunityacademy.com



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Year 11:

Please read this document from Ofqual regarding the situation with summer exams and results.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/878869/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents_UPDATED_09APR2020.pdf

The exam results will be released on 20/8/20, and more information about how results can be accessed will be available nearer the time.

Work is still being set for year 11. Although we do not know any details, there are going to be 're-sit' opportunities early in the new academic year – any work being done will mean that if re-sits are required, revision will be less of a shock.

Additionally, students could be preparing for their next phase – for instance, there are some really great books on the market for the transition to A-level Maths and Sciences– if you have a look at our Twitter feed, there are some examples on there or search for 'Head Start to' e.g. A-level Biology, Physics, Chemistry or Maths.

Safeguarding:

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.

Best wishes, and stay safe

Mr Ashcroft