



GARSTANG COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

It is now 13 days since I closed the Year 11 bubble and in that time we've had no further reported cases at Garstang Community Academy across any pupil year bubble or the adult population. This is testament to the work you as parents are doing to reinforce the Covid-safe message at home, thank you!

Massive thanks go to the Year 11 teachers who have provided consistently challenging remote work and supported it with a comprehensive programme of live lessons and drop-ins via Teams. Parents of Year 7 to 10 pupils, please make sure that children are able to log on and submit work via Synergy so that they can quickly benefit from this first class virtual-learning experience should the need arise.

The engagement of Year 11 students has been utterly fabulous and there will be rewards for the 'Super-engagers' when year 11 return on Thursday 19/11/20. Students who haven't been able to keep up with all the work set will be supported in doing so through allocated time in designated one hour after-school catch up sessions to complete the missed work.

School generally feels great and is, to some degree at least, resembling 'business as usual' with great teaching taking place and GCA children behaving well and learning with gusto. It is testament to the resilience of all involved that there is such equanimity.

There are clearly aspects of school life that are significantly different from 'normal', and we are beginning to have the capacity to see the benefit of adopting some of these arrangements moving forwards beyond the current crisis. I would be interested to hear if you have any thoughts on such things including the current split lunchtime arrangements.

As ever, I thank you for your support and encouragement. Please could you continue to make sure that children always have, and wear, clean masks on buses and when in indoor communal areas around school.

Very best wishes

Mr Ashcroft

Headteacher