

Hello Year 8



OAKFIELD ACADEMY

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Dear Pupils,

I definitely did not expect to be sending you a letter rather than seeing you on a daily basis and watching you develop your plans for your games in our Resistant Materials lessons. I have to say there were some amazing ideas being worked on. I hope you managed to have a nice break over Easter and are now ready to tackle some of the Little Lessons that are being provided on the school web site.

I think that it is important to remember that we will eventually move forwards from this and while it can be difficult it will have helped us all develop life skills and resilience that we never knew we had. I think the best thing that everyone can do is to make sure that we have a routine to our days it is all too easy to fall into a get up late and laze around day. Of course this is ok on some days (and probably needed) but probably not a good idea for every day!

Remember if you have any concerns about your learning you can ask an adult in your home to contact us at the Academy by telephone or e mail to the Academy mail box or by using the subject e-mails such as maths@oakfieldacademy.org or DT@oakfieldacademy.org where each head of department will check the e-mails twice a week and reply as soon as they can to give you support. Check the newsletter for specific times when teachers will be online so you can chat to them if you need to.

I am hoping you are finding the time to do some things that you enjoy. We do not often get a chance to spend dedicated time with our families, so try to do your bit to make it a happy and memorable experience - make the odd cup of tea, offer to cook tea (your know you can with the amount of cooking you get to do at school) – give someone a call on the phone for a chat rather than message online.

Staff are in contact with each other and are missing being in the classroom with you so we are now offering you the opportunity to get messages to me or your tutor by using a dedicated e mail address for Y8. This week we plan to start a rota of phone calls to speak to you as parents and to your child if they want to. We would love to hear how you've been keeping yourselves busy and check in to see if there is anything we can do to support you as a family. The member of staff will be using their mobile or home telephone so it is likely to show up as withheld. Please don't let that put you off receiving our call. You can get an adult to send queries, concerns etc. The e mail will be checked twice a week and a reply sent as soon as possible. The e-mail is year8@oakfieldacademy.org.

I expect you are thinking about September as I am and one of my jobs is to put you into tutor groups. If you have not let me know via the parent pay survey link or completed the slip at school, please can you send me the names of three friends who you might like to be with at college. This could be sent via the year 8 e-mail now it is set up.

Don't forget you can access plenty of work on the school website to keep you busy. The BBC have launched their new daily lessons as well which I am sure you will find useful it is really important not to get out of the habit of learning.



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I would love to see pictures of some of the things you have been doing that are DT related and other subjects too. Perhaps some can be shared via the news letter if you are happy for us to do so.

Don't forget we are all in this together but most of all if you have a question that you think either I or your tutor can help with, send it in an e-mail and we will do our best to help.

I have included some links attached in case you need more support – please use them if you or your family have struggles or worries.

Most of all stay safe and well hopefully I will hear from some of you soon.

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Ms Peat
Head of Year 8