

4 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

As we move into week seven of the national lockdown I would like to write once again to share with you some key messages.

Continuing to act upon the government advice we receive daily we remain open for educating vulnerable students and children of key workers, however, we are eagerly anticipating news of the government's plans to come out of lockdown. We will of course keep you updated of these plans as and when the government release them to us.

Under the framework and guidance from Ofqual, we are working on our Year 11 students GCSE grades based on what they would have achieved had they sat their exam this summer. All schools have been directed by Ofqual to ensure complete confidentiality of this information and I would like to reassure students and parents St. Michael's will be following these guidelines therefore teachers will not be able to hold discussions around this topic.

It is at this time in the school calendar that we would usually provide our new students who will be joining our school community in September 2020 with information packs. At St. Michael's we pride ourselves on providing our new students and parents with a smooth transition from primary to secondary school therefore our new students will receive their information packs through the post this year.

On Friday 8 May in line with the official VE Day 75th Anniversary celebrations St Michael's will be joining the 'Nations Toast to the Heroes of World War II', at 3pm. From the safety of your own home please join the nation and undertake the following 'Toast' – *"To those who gave so much, we thank you,"* using this unique opportunity to pay tribute to the many millions at home and abroad that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy and share the freedom we have today.'

I would like to continue to thank you all for the tremendous support you have shown during this unprecedented time.

"He said his thoughts were with those directly affected by the virus: doctors and nurses, the sick, those who had died and their family members in mourning. God is with us, he said, "firmly reassuring us: Do not be afraid, I have risen and I am with you still."

Pope Francis

Thank you as always for your partnership and commitment, take care, be safe and stay strong.

With all good wishes,



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