



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Dear Parents,

## Daily Update – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

### Digging deep

Well done to all of you who have managed to establish a 'back to work' routine this week after the half term break from home learning.

We really do appreciate that for some of you, keeping the momentum going on this is hard.

In our planning, we are really mindful of setting tasks which are pitched to capture interest and attention and which are achievable for all our students, with that additional spin off of wider reading/research or watching for those who want/need it.

Even with the most motivated of our students we know this isn't always an easy task, but we only have six more weeks to get through and we need to dig deep to make each and every one of them count.

### Detailed planning for this half term

Next week we are holding a webinar for all of our staff to look at the finer detail of our proposed planning and risk assessments for the potential 'face to face' opportunities to support home learning. Assuming this goes well, and assuming we get the green light from Lancashire for a 15<sup>th</sup> June launch, we will share these details with you by the end of next week.

### Planning for September

Again, we hear lots of talk about disruption continuing in September. We really hope this will not be the case. Nonetheless, whatever transpires and in the hope that we will be moving into an induction phase, we have decided to reduce the number of teacher INSET days, so that events with **students will now begin on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**. This has now been updated on our school calendar and we will send further details towards the end of this term.

### Year 10 students

As we have had to cancel work experience this year we are teaming up with [Oak National Academy](#) and [The Careers and Enterprise Company](#) in their "My Week of Work" programme which will run from 8-12th June and is aimed at inspiring and preparing young people for the world of work.

Mrs Barlow will be showcasing, via ClassCharts announcements, optional activities for students to get involved in with companies such as BAE Systems, Burberry, Balfour Beatty, the Royal Air Force and HSBC.

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## **A REMINDER OF OUR DAILY COMMITMENT**

### **Should my child be in school?**

We are still committed to supporting where we can so if you think your child needs to be in school please consider the following criteria:

- You are a critical worker, or you are now required to go into work because you can't easily work from home, you have nobody in the home to ensure your children are suitably supervised and you are concerned about their vulnerability at home alone
- Your child would benefit from additional support to access learning due to their special needs or other significant difficulties in engaging in and/or completing the work set
- You are concerned that your child's mental health is being affected by their absence from school
- You have any other safeguarding concerns and you feel these would be minimised if your child were in school

### **What we have in place every weekday when school is open:**

- Open every weekday with a staffing rota between 8.30am and 4.30pm to support the learning of the children in school. We understand that this may change daily due to shift patterns so just keep us informed as the need arises/changes
- Keep in regular, close contact by phone with vulnerable children and their families, and provide tutor contact with other students and their families as appropriate
- Provide on-line Home Learning resources, links and updates so you can keep your children mentally and physically active at home.
- Where possible, deliver learning packs to those without internet access or equipment to engage in online learning.
- Be on the end of the school phone and address any concerns or queries you might have between 8.30am – 4.00pm weekdays.
- Deliver food parcels to those in most need on a fortnightly basis. Please don't hesitate to contact as and when you may be in need, whether through financial hardship or self-isolation, without other help at hand.
- Provide free meals for the staff and students in school, in a clean environment, observant of social distancing and other safety guidelines.
- Manage the provision of FSM vouchers

**With best wishes,**

*Mrs Gwinnett (Executive Head and Trust Lead) and all of us in the Trust and at School*

**Stay safe**