

CITY ACADEMY NORWICH

27 March 2020

Update as of Friday 27 March 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

This is my seventh letter to parents on the subject of the Coronavirus Covid-19.

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. For most of our young people we are now well into our first week of school closure. It will take time for each of our young people and their families to settle into the new routines and find a rhythm to working from home. We hope to back to normal as soon as possible.

1. Students

Developing strong routines will create a real sense of achievement and make you feel you have earned your relaxation time. Learning to be more independent and learning 'to learn' will serve you well as you progress through the school and beyond. We ask that you show your parents and carers your study plan for the day or week ahead, so they can support the way you plan your work. There has been so many of you completing work over this week, 532 people logged into Google Classroom alone on Monday. Well done and keep this up!

- Remember if you have any questions please email from your Gmail email to your subject teacher.
- Make sure you get regular exercise using the PE Google Classrooms or another suitable methods. This will support your health and wellbeing in this tough time.
- Stay home and save lives. Please respect the lockdown rules – if we all do this together we will be able to get back to normal as soon as possible. We also save many, many lives.
- Take every opportunity you can to read, and read for your own enjoyment! The links provided on the English Google Classrooms and DEAR Google Classroom support with your reading.

2. Parents \ Carers

Please keep checking in with our 'Home Learning Plan', which can be found on the CAN website in the corona virus section by clicking [here](#) – we update this regularly.

Our fantastic teachers have been working non-stop to set home learning, and are responding to students' enquiries throughout the school day. If your child has any questions difficulties with the work set, please remind them to email their class teacher in the first instance.

The wellbeing of our students, families and staff is so important to us at this time. The Easter holidays begin on the 3rd April and we will not expect staff or students to be working during that time. No additional work will be added to the classrooms during the holidays, although students may wish to continue to pursue their reading.

3. Year 11

For parents of year 11, we are still awaiting final confirmation on what this will look like but in the meantime it is important that students complete any 'Non Examined Assessment \ course work' and return it to the respective staff before the relevant deadline, digitally where this is possible. This will really important in the awarding of grades. We will contact parents \ carers and students as soon as we know more, from government. For all letters and general information regarding the ongoing school closures, please visit the CAN website by clicking [here](#).

Our advice to Year 11 is keep working. Priorities should be,

1. Any subjects that you hope to take next year.
2. Any subjects that have ongoing coursework. These may still be used to award grades.
3. All other subjects because all knowledge is powerful and the more you have, the better.

If you have BTEC course work as a part of your subjects we would ask you still to complete this as much as possible and email your teachers for advice and guidance. There is a strong possibility that this will still play a part in your final grade and should therefore be completed as if you were still in school. For all creative subjects, you would need to take guidance on tasks from your teachers, as most of your books are in school and we recognise that resources at home are limited for most.

4. Free School Meal updates

For those students who receive Free School Meals, we have issued this week on the 24th of March 2020, via email and or text the ability to download a digital vouchers for major supermarket chains of your choice. This voucher for £11.75pm is for a total of 5 days. We will issue a further vouchers next week to cover the period of 3 days next week and then from 20th April – 8th May, totalling £42.30p. The current offer of Free school meal packed lunches which were being collected Mon-Fri from 12-13:00pm from main reception will stop on Friday 27th of March and be replaced by the voucher system.

Where can you quickly access updates about the Academy?

- I will continue to write updates as long as it is possible weekly to update you all.
- Our Coronavirus student access page is continually being updated - <https://www.cityacademynorwich.org/student-access/home-learning-support>
- We will share key government messages on our social media pages; Twitter - @CAN_Academy and Instagram cannoracademy; Facebook – City Academy Norwich.

These continue to be very challenging and worrying times for us all. I implore you to follow all the advice given by HM Government. it is only together that we can beat this.

Finally, I really want to underline the importance of wellbeing at this time. It is more important that you work out how to be in a confined space together and still get on. It is much more important that you have harmony in your homes.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely



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