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Update as of Wednesday 6 May 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

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

I am encouraged by the feedback from parents, carers, students and teachers regarding how our Home Learning is developing. I have seen some fantastic examples of content, tasks, two-way feedback, discussion and video input from staff and students. Please rest assured that we are continually developing our Home Learning approach, as we spend more time investing in the functionality of Google classroom and our staff become increasingly confident with the possibilities that Home Learning through Google can bring. The starting point for students each day should be their timetable and then their google classrooms and form rooms.

The safety and wellbeing of all our students remains our number one priority and we just expect students to do the best they can. We have shared yesterday via our social media platforms the house point totals for last week and those students who are at the top of the leader board. Please continue to reassure students that behaviour point records will be reset once we are back at school, and we are currently focused on rewarding students for all their positive contributions to learning. In the small number of cases where you might receive information or contact from us that seems incorrect please do not get annoyed, but send us an explanation which we can take into account. In most cases this should be to the relevant subject teacher or your child's form tutor. The Academy office can pass on anything that is wider than this if you leave a voice mail on the main school number or email office@cityacademynorwich.org.

Key updates:

1. We are expecting to hear details on further planning regarding releasing the lockdown measures this Sunday 9th of May 2020. We will inform parents & carers on this next week.
2. Year 8 Options are still outstanding for some students, please use the link within this letter to complete your options if you haven't already completed this.
3. From today 6th May 2020 we are not expecting year 11 students to complete formal classwork within google classrooms. However, we are suggesting that students work on transition work in preparation for their move to college or work based education placements. We will be sharing more details within google classrooms and on our website at the start of next week on this.
4. Please encourage your child to complete as much of their PE coursework as possible during this time away from school. It will save them a lot of time later on in their school career and set them up to be extremely successful on the course. The PE dept have put together a number of resources to help your child and we are always available to answer any questions you or your child may have via google classroom.
5. Friday this week, the 8th of May is a national bank holiday. We do not expect students to complete work on this day and our staff will not be within classrooms on this day. However, work will be set to support those parents and carers who wish to encourage students to complete work on this day.
6. Reminder that we have got a key page on our website which contains all of the information shared so far in relation to communications and key documents for parents. The COVID-19 update page can be found here. <https://www.cityacademynorwich.org/news-calendars/covid-19>
7. Periodically, it is worth refreshing yourself on the 'Home Learning Plan', which can be found on the CAN website in the corona virus section by clicking [here](#).

Student Wellbeing:

Our pastoral team continues to contact students and families that might need extra support at this time. We know that there will be good and bad days for everybody. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you would like somebody to talk to and we will endeavour to get back to you to listen, offer advice and support.

We understand home learning can be an unsettling time for many of our students. There are many support services available for students to access at home. Please remind students they can continue to email our Pastoral Team via the main email list / teachers and form tutors. If you feel you need any support please email: safeguarding@cityacademynorwich.org and our safeguarding team will get in contact or you can call 01603 251655 and a member of the safeguarding team will respond within 48 Hours during term time and normal school hours. Critical worker families can also call this number during the bank holiday if required.

For parents and carers of year 11. I wrote within my last letter with regard to the cancellation of exams and the future awarding of grades. We are currently working on the process of awarding and ranking student grades internally. We will not be in a position to share these grades to any parents, carers or students until the day results are officially released in August via the centralised exam authorities. 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. Study for any subjects that you hope to take next year.
2. Any subjects that have ongoing coursework (PE and Travel & Tourism) . These may still be used to award grades.

Year 8 and 9 Options:

As you know for year 8 and 9 we had to alter the normal option process this year. To allow all students to still take their options and start back in September, hopefully in a normal way please can I ask you to complete the following survey if you and your child\ren are in year 8.

Year 8 option survey link

<https://forms.gle/fqpa5DSPyot74qaK9>

If you have not yet returned your form and you are in year 9 due to not being able to come into school, please can I request that you complete the following survey.

Year 9 option survey link

<https://forms.gle/7EhTYtXkLZ2wFNXj7>

Where can you quickly access updates about the Academy?

- I will continue to write updates as long as it is possible to update you all, especially over the next few weeks as we see lockdown measures change.
- 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, Stay at home, protect the NHS and saves lives. It is only together that we can beat this.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely



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