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Principal - Mr T Beesley

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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) – Updated Information and Advice for Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well, and I want to thank you once again for your support over this very difficult and challenging period of time.

Working from Home

We are very conscious that whilst some of our students and families have been in contact with us quite a lot over the last few weeks, either through Show My Homework, by email or over the phone, there may be some families who are feeling quite isolated. I have asked all Form Tutors this week, therefore, to email or message their students, just to see how they are getting on. They have asked for a simple acknowledgement or reply, so that we know that everything is okay, and if they do not receive a reply, we will be making contact with home over the next week. Could I please ask you, therefore, to encourage your child to respond to the email or Show My Homework message.

Years 11 & 13

Year 11 & 13 Form Tutors have been making contact with their students as well, to check in on them. Year 11 students should also have received an email asking them to confirm their destination for next year. In addition, we have asked those students who are continuing into All Hallows Sixth Form to confirm their options, on the same form. This is a very quick job but will enable us to better support our young people with their subject choices for next year.

In order to help prepare Year 11 students for their future studies and careers, they will be all issued with activities, next week, via the unifrog platform. Unifrog allows students to engage in a wide variety of activities to prepare them for life beyond school, be that university or an apprenticeship. The tasks will include a personality quiz, which is also a really good family activity and discussion starter. All students should have their password for unifrog, but if they are having any difficulty, they should contact our Head of Sixth Form, Mr Howells at d.howells@allhallows.org.uk.

For our future Year 12 students, we will be releasing the names and details of text books, used for our A level courses, onto our website early next week. This will be followed in the coming weeks and months by specific work for individual subjects, to help students prepare for the challenging transition between Year 11 and 12.

Year 13 students should now be nearing the end of the courses that they have been studying. We have issued guidance to them on completing MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), and we strongly recommend that students complete at least one of these, in their chosen area of study, and another one related to life skills. At this moment in time, a course on mindfulness and improving one's mental health would be of great use. As MOOCs are free, they can be completed by anyone, so they would also be a good activity to engage in as a family. The best place to search for these is on unifrog.

Year 9 Pathways

Thank you for the completion and submission of the Pathways forms. Your support in completing this process under the circumstances we find ourselves in is very much appreciated. Parents and carers of Year 9 students will be contacted if there needs to be further discussions concerning the subjects selected.

Mental Health & Well-being

We are very aware of the fact that some of our students may be struggling during this period of lockdown. Our Year Learning Leaders are including regular mindfulness activities in their weekly blogs, and the College website <https://www.allhallows.org.uk/mental-well-being-and-staying-safe> also includes lots of really useful links and information.



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