

Ref: RV/hw

30 March 2020

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your family are safe and learning to adjust to these new circumstances, as we work through this difficult time together. We are providing an update regarding school life and continuing learning. Firstly, the most important thing to do, for all of us, is to follow the Government advice below:

#### **Stay at home**

Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)

If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times

Wash your hands as soon as you get home

Do not meet others, even friends or family.

You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

The single most important action we can all take in fighting coronavirus is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

#### **Show My Homework**

We now have around 1100 pupils regularly logging in and accessing the work set by staff. I am overjoyed with the amount and quality of work that children are completing and I am sure you would want me to pass on your thanks to our committed staff; they have been finding new and exciting ways to interest your child so that they can continue to learn. Thank you for your patience around the online working. Thank you also to the staff who have responded as quickly as they can regarding your queries and technical difficulties. If you have any technical queries about 'Show My Homework, please contact Dr Tuohy ([ituohy@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ituohy@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk)) and Ms Stevens ([rstevens@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:rstevens@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk)). Questions regarding work set should be directed to their class teacher.

Could I encourage you to view our fabulous Twitter account via the school's website, where much of our pupils' and staff work is being celebrated.

I hope that the work that we are setting is giving some sense of routine and normality at this difficult time. It is important for children to continue to learn and to practise their skills.

Staff will not be setting work during what would have been the Easter holidays (from Friday 3 April until Friday 17 April 2020). Staff will be setting work commencing Monday 20 April 2020.

#### **FSM**

Parents eligible for Free School Meals will be contacted directly over the coming weeks.

#### **Careers and Guidance**

All pupils in Year 11 should have received PSHE guidance on careers this morning. If you have not received this, can you please contact Mrs Hart on [khart@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:khart@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk). This information will help your child in their next steps after leaving Blessed Trinity. We will keep in touch and we wish them all the best.

#### **Pupil Support**

If your child is feeling anxious or vulnerable and you feel that the school could support and help in any way, please contact Miss McCue on [jmccue@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:jmccue@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk).

### **Year 7-10: Progress Reports**

Pupils will be receiving their Spring Term progress report.

We shall email most of the reports to you so please look out for them in your inbox.

As ever, it is very valuable to take the time to read through the report with your child.

If you have any queries we ask that you contact your child's form tutor through Show My Homework and they will direct your queries to the appropriate member of staff.

### **Year 11: Awarding of Grades**

Please find the most recent information from Ofqual about the awarding of grades this Summer.

If any Year 11 pupils have any particular queries about this issue, they should contact Ms Stevens [rstevens@brcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:rstevens@brcc.lancs.sch.uk) and Mrs Geoghegan [mgeoghegan@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:mgeoghegan@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk)

### **Ofqual 26 March 2020**

- Regulators will develop and set out a process that will provide a calculated grade to each student which reflects their performance as fairly as possible, and will work with us and the other exam boards to ensure this is consistently applied for all students.
- Exam boards will be asking teachers, who know their students well, to submit their judgement about the grade that they believe the student would have received if exams had gone ahead.
- To produce this, teachers will be asked to take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment. Clear guidance on how to do this fairly and robustly will be provided to schools and colleges soon.
- Exam boards will then combine this information with other relevant data, including prior attainment, and use this information to produce a calculated grade for each student, which will be a best assessment of the work they have put in.
- Regulators and exam boards will be discussing with teachers' representatives before finalising the approach, to ensure that it's as fair as possible. More information will be provided as soon as possible.
- The aim is to provide these calculated grades to students **before the end of July**.
- These grades will be indistinguishable from those provided in other years.
- We will also aim to ensure that the distribution of grades follows a similar pattern to that in other years, so that this year's students aren't disadvantaged.
- Students will be able to appeal their grades if they don't believe the right process has been followed.
- There will also be an option to sit exams early in the next academic year for any students who wish to – and students can also choose to sit exams next summer

### **Year 11: Activities to keep the brain cells whirring! Activities to keep you ahead of the game!**

Do not forget to check out the activities staff have designed for you! Mr Kelly sends these out on Friday with his daily message on Show my Homework.

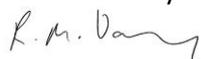
There are puzzles, countdown, work outs, great books, brilliant TV series PLUS A Level preparation in several subjects. Take a look and let us know if there is further information you would find useful!

Send any suggestions and feedback to Mr Kelly.

Thank you for your continuing support. I am proud of the way our staff and pupils have taken to this new way of working and the way they are striving to meet new challenges in creative ways. If you do have any queries or ideas for ways we could improve, do not hesitate to contact us [head@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@btrcc.lancs.sch.uk)

God bless. Please continue to pray for all members of our school community.

Yours sincerely



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