

**TO PARENTS/CARERS OF
YEAR 7 TO 10 STUDENTS**

Our Ref: SKN/Iha

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we move into the Easter holiday period I felt I should write to you to offer both support and how we are continuing to support the education of young people.

We are experiencing unprecedented circumstances with the Coronavirus crisis. We know that many families are experiencing new challenges – this may be related to whole families now having to work from home, anxiety over family members' health and wellbeing or changing financial situations. The one consistent factor throughout this has been, and will continue to be, the support we can offer. If you as a family require support in any form please do reach out to us using the email address hwaclosure@clf.uk. As it appears that the current situation is going to continue for a prolonged period of time we need to try and support families in continuing to educate young people. Show My Homework (SMHW) is the platform we are using to communicate all matters relating to work for our students. We continue to support students and their families with login issues and submission of work problems. A Parent's Guide to SMHW will shortly be uploaded to our website which may be of assistance if you encounter any issues.

Over the Easter break, which will seem very different to previous years, we have produced an Easter Challenge pack. Whilst some young people may wish to catch up with work from the previous few weeks no new work will be set by teachers during this time. The Easter Challenge pack is there for students and their families to engage with if you feel you would like to or need to in order to give some structure. This work will not need submitting and will not be marked, however, it would be lovely to see families engaging with it so please do use Twitter to show us how your family are using the Easter Challenge ideas and we will award some prizes for the best entries (Please use #hwaeasterchallenge)

Students in Years 7 and 8 will be taking their Multiple Choice Question (MCQs) assessments after Easter so they may wish to prepare for these assessments by revising using the knowledge books supplied before the closure. These knowledge books are on the website should you need additional copies. Year 9 and 10 students are continuing with their GCSE courses so recapping previously taught work will benefit them in the future. We do need to consider how we teach our students new content. We have a team of experts from across Cabot Learning Federation exploring a variety of methods of delivery and this will be followed up in communication after Easter.

I would like to finish by reminding everyone that one of the ways we can all help beat the Coronavirus is to follow hygiene and social distancing guidelines issued by the Government. Please can I urge you and your children to stay in at all times. There should be no socialising in the community of any sort, and whilst we know this will be a challenge for all of us it is essential for the protection of everyone. Please stay safe, stay strong and do reach out if you need us.

Yours sincerely



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