



Dear Parent / Carer,

We are writing to you to mark the end of term and the official start of the Easter Holidays. While these concepts have changed in significance, I hope it will feel to students that they are able to take a two week break from the tasks which are being set in order to come back to 'remote school' again with fresh energy on Monday 20th April.

Thank you to parents who sent feedback on how the systems are working so far. It is clear that there is positive impact where households have been able to establish a routine. We have fed back to teachers on the activities which seem to have worked best and they are also picking this up in their feedback to the work which is coming in. The PE Team is gratified that students are also making time for exercise within that routine – especially in the morning in order to get the day moving if this is at all possible. A very small number of parents reported their children were getting through the work too quickly – and so we would encourage the use of the extension activities which are also signposted on Copia.

Whilst we have had a very high return-rate on task, it is not yet 100% and of course this may be to do with illness at home. Teachers are recording the completion of tasks on Go4Schools so please do check whether your child is up-to-date and help them use the break to catch up if necessary. After the holiday, Heads of Year will make contact where there has been a very low return rate in order to check what the barriers might be and to try and provide support. We will continue to use email as our main means of communication – but will stick to 'office hours'. These therefore won't be picked up over the break. Any urgent issues should be sent via the normal office email.

As mentioned previously, we have also now set-up form tutors to be in touch with students once a week in order to maintain a pastoral link as well as overseeing a pastoral task. We have also put together William Perkin and Ada Lovelace's first ever remote end of term assembly so that we do not lose the habit of reflecting on the term which has ended and celebrating its successes. We hope that you will enjoy it.

The Assembly also features a link to what we are referring to as the 'Easter Challenge' – a set of activities which students can do for fun over the break. These are divided into Physical and Cultural categories and we encourage students to do one from each category per day. Students are encouraged to capture their best successes and send them in to their tutor at the end of the holidays so that we can have some remote house (even interschool) competitions with the best examples when we return. Be sure to make the subject line of your email "Easter Challenge".

Finally, we are grateful to the teams in IT and Admin who have kept up communications for us during the period of closure, also the Kier Construction team who have kept the Ada Lovelace new school site open and moving forward with new Covid-19 Health & Safety precautions in place. We look forward to giving you further updates on this and being back in touch when we recommence for the Summer Term,

Until then, our very best wishes to you all

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