



MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL

SPECIALIST ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

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Dear Parent

Given the unprecedented situation regarding Covid-19, I wanted to outline to you how we have planned for students to work remotely in the event of enforced school closure.

All teachers will set work and upload resources each day to our virtual learning environment, Firefly. We have ensured that every child has their log in details and is able to access this work from home via the internet. If students are unable to access Firefly due to technical issues, teaching staff can email work directly to their school email account.

Students will be able to follow their normal school timetable virtually each day. Teachers will upload work for each lesson the night before and will provide a variety of learning tasks that students are required to do. Completion of work will be monitored by staff; however, please understand that it will be difficult for teachers to review all of your child's work and provide feedback. Teachers will prioritise their time with students soon to be taking public examinations and we thank you for your anticipated support and understanding on this matter. We appreciate that there will need to be a degree of flexibility in learning remotely that also works best for your child and family in the home.

Subject teachers will be available via email during lesson time for additional support and will endeavour to respond swiftly to student questions and queries. As well as this, staff from Pastoral and Inclusive Support teams will also be available.

Enclosed with this letter are some useful 'How to' guides and staff email contacts. We appreciate the support of parents in ensuring that children are keeping up with work at home as best they can. You can support them and the school in the following ways:

- Provide an appropriate place to work at home with internet and computer access
- Check that your child can successfully log onto Firefly, the school network and other online applications used to support learning (for example, Corbett Maths, GCSEPod and BBC Bitesize)
- Ensure your child has the necessary equipment, such as their pencil case, writing paper/exercise books, text books, revision guides as appropriate
- Help plan and structure the school work that your child has been set and offer to help if he/she is finding a piece of work challenging

The wellbeing of our students remains of paramount importance to us during this time. Below are some simple suggestions that can help your child to stay mentally and physically active:

- looking for ideas of exercises that can be done regularly at home on the NHS website
- spending time doing things they enjoy – this might include reading, cooking, other indoor hobbies, listening to the radio, watching TV programmes
- trying to eat healthy well-balanced meals, drinking enough water, exercising regularly, getting enough sleep
- keeping windows open to let in fresh air, getting some natural sunlight, spending time outside in the garden

As and when more information becomes available, particularly in relation to GCSE and A Level examinations, we will share it with you. I trust the information outlined in this letter is clear and helpful but if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate person in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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