

Dear Year 13

I hope you and all your family are well.

I'll be honest; I'm not *really* ready to say good bye to you all just yet, and I know from conversations with many of you today, you're not ready to leave yet either! So lets not part... just yet. **Lets agree to all work together** to get you where you want and need to be next.

Use the additional time to go back through your folders and get things all organised. **Please, please do not destroy any work** (*just thought I'd make that very clear - in bold*). Keep to usual routines and continue good independent study habits that you will need for the next stages in your life. **Stay motivated and busy** yourself with completing tasks your teachers set you on classcharts. Your teachers may need your most up to date essays / practice papers - so start churning some *quality* responses out and send them to your staff. Keep clear in your mind that **everything you have done up to this point has had value**. Perhaps more than any of us could have anticipated. Invest in and do wider reading related to your university course of choice. Do not let your mind go idle.

I expect that tomorrow we will hear more from the PM and the Secretary of State for Education. We will of course respond to the changing guidance as it comes in and we will communicate with you so **please check your emails regularly**. Mrs Howard and your tutors will be responding to emails and Mrs Hess can offer strategies for anyone who might struggle with their wellbeing during this challenging time.

Finally, you will be spending at least the next month at home. It may be a difficult and worrying time for your family. Be kind. Be compassionate. Be brave. **Help out at home** and take this opportunity to shine.

Best wishes,

Mrs Allen