

Dear Parents/ Carers of Year 9.

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. I understand and appreciate that this is a difficult period for you and your families. I want to thank you all for your support during this time, whether you are a key worker or juggling working from home with supporting your child's remote learning.

Even though we are not in school, Mr Walker and myself are still available to contact and offer support if needed. I am regularly checking Class Charts to see which students have been accessing their accounts and I am very pleased with the number of students adjusting to this new working environment. Please pass on my praise to your child for working with maturity and independence. If your child is struggling with work or accessing Class Charts, they should not suffer in silence. Myself and their teachers will have access to emails so please do not hesitate to contact the school via the office email.

We are uncertain of when we will be returning to school and remote learning could be the normal working environment for students for the foreseeable, however when the students return, they will be a step closer to taking their GCSEs. It is important that the students continue to work hard. I understand however, that their 'working day' may not be the same as the normal school day and that they will not be sat at the same desk for 8 hours a day. Students need to try their best in a difficult and unique situation. Students should use this time wisely to catch up but also learn life skills like baking and gardening.

I have been impressed by Year 9s motivation and determination in the past few weeks and am confident it will continue.

Thank you once again for your support.
Stay safe,

Miss Newman and Mr Walker