



THE PRIORY ACADEMY  
**LSST**

Dear Parent/Carer

It is extremely difficult to comprehend the events of the last six weeks and to fully understand what challenges we all face in the coming weeks and months. However, I wanted to write to express my sincere thanks for your continued support in these unprecedented times.

I and my staff have been overwhelmed by the numerous kind messages you have sent us all and we are astounded by the way our students, with your support, have adapted to a world we didn't even know could exist a few weeks ago. We often ask our students, and our community as a whole, to work towards our academy values: Aspiration, Inspiration; Respect, Resilience and Innovation. I am sure you will agree all of our stakeholders, especially our students, have shown these in abundance over recent weeks.

Prior to closing, both our Year 11 and Year 13 students had to absorb so much change; you could not help but to be proud of them. My staff and I, along with the students, went through every emotion possible. They all acted with the upmost respect for the situation they found themselves in and were both kind and understanding with each other and the staff within the Academy; as parents and carers they were a true credit to you all.

I fully understand some students have found the work online overwhelming, this is completely understandable. I know some of my staff have too! We have all had our days and way of working completely turned upside down, so it is understandable we all need some time to settle into our new routines. As always, if you do have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact either your child's form tutor, Head of Year or Pastoral Learning Mentor, Mrs Staniland or your child's subject teacher if applicable.

**To reiterate information shared in previous correspondence please find below the contact details of the relevant Pastoral Learning Mentor who will liaise with the Head of Year;**

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**For curriculum related questions please contact any of the following, depending on your question or areas of concern;**

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Technology, IT, Business and Computing - Mr G Sleight; [GSleight@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:GSleight@prioryacademies.co.uk)

**For Years 12 and Year 13 please contact any of the following, depending on your question or areas of concern;**

University Applications and Admissions - Mrs C Sharpe; [CSharpe@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:CSharpe@prioryacademies.co.uk)

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For Safeguarding concerns please contact Mrs J Staniland; [JStaniland@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:JStaniland@prioryacademies.co.uk)

For Learning Strategies please contact our SENDCO Mrs J Lea; [JLea@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:JLea@prioryacademies.co.uk)

It is important during this time that you find ways to work effectively together and support each other as families. As well as the academic work that has been set it is also important to engage in wider activities including physical exercise, reading, creativity, cooking, gardening or simply relaxing, watching films, chatting with each other as a family and keeping in touch with other relatives and close friends by telephone or online. Try to make the most of the opportunities this enforced isolation has offered. There may also be challenges that confront us during these unusual and sometimes difficult times.

As some of the usual support provided through the Academy is temporarily unavailable there is a range of support through external agencies signposted on the Safeguarding and Pastoral page of the Parents section on the Academy website: <https://www.priorysst.co.uk/page/?title=Pastoral+and+Safeguarding&pid=180>

The Directory Support Services 2020 document at the bottom of the page has recently been updated by the Local Authority in response to the current situation.

We hope you found our email about Online Safety useful, if you have any further questions about online safety please do not hesitate to email Mr Sleight on [gsleight@prioryacademies.co.uk](mailto:gsleight@prioryacademies.co.uk). We are currently investigating further ways we can use ICT to support children with their learning from home. Next module some teachers may even create podcasts for your child to listen to and we will be adding message boards to SharePoint where children can discuss a variety of topics.

Over the Easter period we will be setting some challenges to keep students occupied. Our Wellbeing Team will be setting students tasks to support with mental wellbeing during this time. As well as this we have been incredibly impressed by many of our students' stories during the closure that demonstrate our values of Aspiration, Inspiration, Resilience, Respect and Innovation. Therefore, as a House Event over Easter we will be asking students to share their stories of where they believe they have demonstrated the values. Please encourage your child to enter this. It really is great to hear such stories as they provide a morale boost for us all. We will look to share some of the best ones on social media, but only where the child has consented for us to do so when entering the House Competition.

We fully understand how unsettling this period is and has been for our Y11 and Y13 students. In previous correspondence we promised to keep you updated when we received further governmental guidance. Only today have we received further information on the process by which schools and academies will be required to submit grades. I attach a link to the Ofqual website where they outline this process;  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020>

In addition to this, they have published a letter to all students;  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/877830/Letter\\_to\\_students\\_-\\_Summer\\_2020\\_grading.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf)

Meanwhile we are endeavouring to look beyond this time and start preparing our students for life in our Sixth Form or in Further and Higher Education. After Easter all subjects will have their packs and strategies ready to prepare students for their A Levels or beyond. Indeed, some subjects have uploaded both revision and extension activities already and it is encouraging to know that students are accessing these.

As you can appreciate there is no expectation for the teaching staff to be setting work daily over the Easter break. (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020). Teachers may have set homework tasks that will need completing over the period or our students may wish to use the time to complete work that has previously been set. We encourage all students to have some 'down time' and rest during the Easter holiday period. The Academy is remaining open over the break for our vulnerable children and those children of key workers.

I fully understand this will not be the 'normal' Easter break that many had planned or have experienced in recent years. However, I would like to send you all my very best wishes for the next two weeks. I will be in touch again towards the week ending Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to ensure you are aware of our plans on educating your child for the week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

Please do take care and stay safe.

Mrs Hopkinson  
Headteacher

