



Dear Parents and Carers

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We hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well. Once again, thank you for your continued support and all you are doing at home with your child as they continue to work from home. Please remember to use the information on the school website around supporting home learning and remember that routine, regular breaks and spending time away from school work are all vitally important for physical and mental health as well as the whole family's wellbeing. If any student is struggling with workload, please get in touch with Heads of Year for guidance here. You can find staff addresses on the school website.

Thank you to all of you who continue to use the MyEd app to support students and add positive points to Class Charts at home. This also allows you to access all communications from school, alongside the school website and Twitter. If you would like to use this at home, download the app on your device, search for the school and follow the instructions given on the screen. Please contact info@thedeanacademy.org should you have any problems with this.

Following the government's announcement on potential re-opening of schools from 1st June, we will be increasing our communication with you over the coming weeks regarding the introduction of face-to-face learning for Year 10 students, as well as continued home learning for other year groups. Please be reassured that our number one priority is the sustainable safety of staff and students and we will provide you with detailed information and procedures as soon as we are aware of when this may happen.

Despite the lockdown, we have been working hard to continue our Transition Programme for Year 6 students. If you have a child joining us in September, there is a new area on the website with a welcome message from Mr Brand, who takes over as Headteacher in June, as well as a virtual tour of the school with messages from key staff. We are also aware that students in Year 9 will be keen to find out about their Option choices for GCSE. We are in the process of building the timetable for next year and so you will receive a letter in the post regarding Options during the week of the 15th June. If your child is in Year 11, please ensure that Leavers' Hoodies and Yearbook orders are made via the school website as soon as possible. We have been speaking to Speech House regarding Prom and have provisionally moved this event to the Autumn Term. Once they know they can confirm the date given Public Health England's current guidance on mass gatherings, we will let you know; please be reassured that we have not forgotten about this wonderful event as a school.

Please continue to use the information on the school's website to support yourselves and your families. We update it regularly with information from local services who can support you remotely. It is hoped that upgrades to the Free School Meals voucher system means that codes will now work, but please continue to inform us if you have an issue so we can liaise with the company to redeem them. If your code fails, contact declan.mooney@thedeanacademy.org and we will get a replacement code. Given the huge financial strain the lockdown has caused some families in our community, as a school we want to support you however we can and staff have been contributing to a foodbank which we would like to open from Monday. There is a selection of tinned and dried goods, toiletries and sanitary items which can be collected from school. If you would like to access this support in the short term please contact emily.smith@thedeanacademy.org to arrange a pick up time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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