



Imagine, Believe, Achieve

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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, Happy Easter! This obviously feels like the strangest bank holiday we have ever had, but at least the weather is being kind at the moment.

I just wanted to provide you with some updates and information for the weeks ahead. The College remains open to support families with key workers. We are open today and bank holiday Monday, as well as the rest of the week, and have been mixing things up a little with some sports, challenges and potentially next week a bit of art and design.

Next week we will be sending out some additional guidance and information in relation to home learning. We are immensely grateful to parents who are supporting the work being set at home; we fully understand the difficulties of managing children as well as jobs and households at this time. However, it is also clear there are some students for whom we have no evidence that they are engaging with or doing any work at home. There is still a requirement for students to work at home, to reduce the impact of the shut down as much as possible on their studies when they return.

Again, I would reiterate that if there is any problem at all in accessing the work or completing it, please let us know and we will do all we can to support.

The end of term quiz was a huge success, with over 420 teams entering. Around 17 teams scored 100%, so I guess I will have to make it a little harder next time! Congratulations to all who took part, especially those who guessed the answer to the 'Surprise, Surprise' question. That is one video you will not find on YouTube! I intend to do an updated quiz in the new term. We also had a winner in the pet competition, details to follow next week.

Maintaining a lockdown during this time is obviously very challenging and the urge to venture further out is extremely tempting. However, I would urge everyone to please follow the Government advice at this time. From press reports it seems that the full potential fury of this virus has not hit our area, and it is important that we do all we can to reduce that chance as much as we can.

Have a safe Easter, and a relaxing Easter if you can!

Yours faithfully

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