

26th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: 6th Form Teaching and Learning

As notified by our Principal, Ms Price, 6th form teachers have planned to use remote learning for our students via Microsoft Teams. Each teacher has created a Teams group for each subject, and weekly assignments and extra reading are set via this forum. All DLS staff overseeing the various subject areas have completed learning outlines which detail how the students will complete their remaining modules and how their learning will be supplemented by additional reading to provide them with the enrichment, stretch and challenge that they need at this time. Students are able to submit work completed and receive feedback from their teachers directly in this way, ensuring continuity of learning for them throughout the school closure. It is important that all students log on to Teams to view this work every day, and teachers have been directed to nominate an hour per class when they will be available to take questions on the work set. The work will be set for Year 13, who need to continue their learning journey in preparation for their next steps, and for Year 12, who will return to us to continue their courses once the school reopens in future.

Ms Batra has worked hard to establish Teams for Year 13 students who have applied to university, and will keep them notified of any news affecting them via this forum, and for those who have not applied to HE, so that we can offer them advice on their pathways remotely. Ms Branford is busy setting up a Team for Year 12 students who can raise any questions this way, too.

6th form tutors have also been asked to check in weekly with students in their tutor groups to ensure that students are coping with the work, and to take any queries from their tutees and pass to the relevant stakeholders. We have advised that these sessions are in line with the whole school PSHE schedule, which are on Monday and Thursdays, 11.30am-12pm, and these sessions will begin during the week commencing 27/4/2020. Please encourage your child to access their tutor group Team at these times to respond to their tutor so that we know they are safe and well and can follow up where necessary. On the note of communication, Ms Branford, Branford.k@rsaacademy.org, will assume the post of Associate Assistant Principal for 6th Form from Monday 30th March and will be your first point of contact for any daily queries regarding students in 6th form, just as Year Team Leaders are for other year groups. I will remain as the link member of SLT to support Ms Branford in my post as Trust Vice Principal with strategic oversight of 6th form improvement. Mrs Roper remains as Head of Year until 14th May, when she will take maternity leave. Mrs Roper is able to take email queries until this time, and we will notify you of the member of staff to contact in her absence in due course.

Please let Ms Branford or myself know if you have any questions at all and please do remind your child to log on to Microsoft Teams and check their school emails daily for updates from their teachers.

Please also look after one another and keep safe. We are thinking of all our wonderful 6th form students at this time.

Yours sincerely,



Ms M. Thomas
Trust Vice Principal

