



20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## Continuing learning at home

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well at this time. It has been a difficult time for many of our families and we have kept them in our thoughts and prayers.

I write to you with the arrangements for your child's home learning for the next 6 weeks. If Government advice on school closures changes in the coming weeks, I will be in contact again. There is an expectation that students are completing a minimum of **4 hours study a day** each day whilst they are at home. I cannot overstate the importance of this. We share parent's concerns about the gap in learning and progress that will occur if students are not engaged in study at this important time. Therefore, it is crucial that students work to the instructions below.

1. **This week, week beginning 20th April, your child should continue to complete the work set on Show My Homework.** To assist you and your child, there is also a Weekly Work Plan which you can access via the school's website and which is attached. This has also been emailed to your child. The plan is broken down by day and subject. This will show you exactly which subjects your child should be working on each day and what they should be submitting as consequence of their study. All work can be found on Show My Homework. All completed work should be uploaded onto SMH by students for teachers to mark. Students can contact teacher for guidance via Show My Homework. Please sit down and go through the Weekly Work Plan with your child.
2. **Weekly quizzes will be set for completion by every Friday. Completion of this quiz is a requirement.** Your child is expected to complete a quiz in each subject on Show My Homework. This can be completed by using either a smartphone or laptop/tablet. This is to ensure students are keeping up to date with key knowledge required for their summer assessments. If there is an access issue, please let us know.
3. **There will be a formal assessment for all students in Years 7-10 and Year 12 week beginning 22nd June.** We are hopeful that these will be in school if Government advice is that schools can reopen. If school cannot reopen, then these assessments will be online.
4. **We will this week send out CGP study and revision materials in the post to every student in years 7-10.** These are to be used in conjunction with the work on Show My Homework. These can be used to help your child complete the weekly quizzes.
5. **For Year 11 students who are continuing into the sixth form at St Aloysius College, work for their completion will also be issued this week. Offers will be confirmed based on predicted grades.**
6. **For Year 12 students, a separate letter will be sent with supporting work for completion.** The College will also be trialling remote teaching in identified subjects to ensure that your child remains up to date.

Any remaining issues with Show My Homework should be referred to [charlemagne.a@sta.islington.sch.uk](mailto:charlemagne.a@sta.islington.sch.uk) If you need to update your email address at this important time please contact enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk.

You should by now be in receipt of vouchers for free school meals if you are entitled to do so. I am aware that there was an expectation that these would also be available through the provider identified through the government over the Easter but it has not been possible to access this service. In place of this the College has arranged for the vouchers to be made for this period through Wandu, and we will continue to use this provider until further notice.

If the school can support you and your family further in engaging with the required study, please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance. The school remains open to the vulnerable students and children of key workers notified to us in advance from 21st April 2020.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Ms J Heffernan

**Executive Headteacher**