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Dear Parents and Carers

As we move through the seventh week of being away from school, we have been immensely proud of our students and the way in which they have approached this unprecedented situation. We have heard stories of students who have been making Uniform Bags for NHS staff, helping the elderly in their communities as well as supporting one another at this difficult time. The quality of the work that students have produced during their time away from school has been impressive and demonstrates the commitment that our students have to their learning. We are very much missing all students and to let them know that we are thinking of them, the staff have produced this video for students. We hope that they all enjoy it! <https://sites.google.com/wimborneacademytrust.org/qe-staysafe/home>

Online Learning

Up until May half term we will continue to set lessons for students in Years 9,10 and 12 in line with their timetable using the Google Classroom. After half term we will be issuing a new timetable for Year 9 students to allow them to start work on their core and option subjects.

To allow students, staff and families some time to rest we will not be setting any online learning on the bank holidays or over the May half term break. Students have worked exceptionally hard since schools closed and we appreciate that they will need some time to rest ahead of the second half of the summer term.

Year 11

We understand that for students in Year 11 this is a very uncertain time as we head towards the period when they would have been sitting their GCSE examinations. For students who are planning to join us in the Sixth Form we have provided them with the Year 12 Induction Booklets. The booklets have been prepared to provide students with some preparation work for their time in Sixth Form and will give them a great start to their new course. The resources can be found in the Year 11 section of the Google classroom and a link has been sent to all students. If you need any further information on the induction booklets then please contact Miss Dean, Head of Sixth Form (sdean@queenelizabeths.com)

We usually hold two induction days for Year 11 students at the end of June as part of our induction to Sixth Form. However, given the current situation we are unable to confirm if these



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will be able to go ahead. When we know more about when schools will reopen we will confirm the next steps regarding induction to Sixth Form. Please be assured that if we are unable to

run the days as planned we will put in place some remote induction materials to support students with their transition after May half term.

Mental Health Support

To help support our students at this time I would like to remind you about the resources that are available on the school website for supporting Mental Health in young people. We have compiled information from the NHS and PiXL to support parents and students during this time and included phone numbers and websites for organisations that can support students. We hope that you and your families find this useful.

Key Worker / Vulnerable Students

The government advice at this time remains that parents and carers should only send their child to school if their work is critical to our response to Covid-19 and there is no one at home to look after them, or it is not safe for them to remain at home. If you are a parent or carer of a child with an EHCP, within one of the vulnerable student groups or you are a critical worker and your child needs to come into school then please email office@queenelizabeths.com. A member of staff will then make contact with you to arrange a school place at QE for your child.

There continues to be lots of debate and discussion in the media about when and how schools might reopen. I hope that this weekend we will have some more answers and clarity about the next steps in this situation. I will continue to communicate with you following any announcements that are made with updates on how this will impact our students.

Please continue to contact us if you have any questions or queries and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K Boyes'.

Katie Boyes
Headteacher

