



Leventhorpe
a business and enterprise academy

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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back after what has probably been a very different Easter break. We are starting the Summer Term on Monday 20 April and I need to give you some updates and information regarding various issues. We will be sending separate messages to parents and students in Years 11 and 13 early next week with information about work that can be completed to prepare for sixth form courses or university. We will not be setting any more timetabled work for Year 11 or Year 13 from next week.

For Years 7-10 and Year 12, we return to virtual schooling from Monday. You will be set work by your teachers on Teams, and you will be expected to complete these tasks to the best of your ability. Teachers have gathered feedback about the volume of work and will be adapting tasks set to make sure workload is manageable and appropriate.

Mr Harvey has a few specific points around using Teams that he wishes to pass on at the end of this message. There will also be specific messages for Year 11 and Year 13 from Mr Francis and Mrs Crosby that will be sent separately.

School will be open again from Monday 20th April under the Keyworkers Scheme. Please arrive between 8.30-9.30am via the side gate and foyer into the LRC as before. If you are eligible for Free School Meals, we will have been in contact with you about the voucher scheme. Please contact Mrs Price on lep@leventhorpe.net for any queries about the Keyworker Scheme or Free School Meals.

School trips that were due to take place in the summer term are being considered on a trip by trip basis. Our approach has been to cancel trips when we know that travel will not be possible. We can then access our trip insurance and make claims against the trip. If we chose to cancel a trip too early, we may not be able to claim insurance. We will contact parents in relation to each trip as decisions are made.

The lockdown is continuing for another three weeks. The next national review by government will therefore be on or around Thursday 7 May. Lessons will continue to be set online according to normal student timetables during this time, and we will contact you with any further updates as information becomes available.

Thank you for your support during this situation. The positive messages from parents and examples of student work that have come in have been fantastic to see. I hope you all pay attention to your physical and mental well-being and you manage to stay healthy as the lockdown continues.

Stay healthy and safe.

Yours faithfully,
Malcolm White



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Teams Update for Parents from Mr Harvey

Merits

This term we will be introducing a system of awarding merits via Teams assignments for students. Where appropriate, teachers will add an additional 'rubric' to assignments indicating merits awarded. Each assignment can earn up to 5 merits.

Student collaboration channels in Teams

To assist students with collaborative working we will be introducing a 'Student Work Chat Channel' to each of the class teams. This will give students the ability to post questions, answers and support for others in their class. This is a good place for parents to point their child to for peer support on assignments.

Parent Weekly Update

Microsoft have just launched a new parent update. We now have the ability to send a weekly update to your SIMS registered email listing assignments completed / not completed that week. We are looking to launch this in the next couple of weeks. More details to follow.