



Great Wyrley Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we return 'virtually' from the Easter holiday I would like to take this opportunity to write to the whole Great Wyrley Academy community. I hope that you remain safe and healthy and had as pleasant an Easter as was possible in these circumstances. We have a duty as a school to ensure continuity of learning alongside safeguarding the wellbeing of our students. This letter serves as a reminder to you of what we are trying to provide for our students in these times.

Staff are setting and monitoring work on Google Classroom. All students have access to their virtual classes and are expected to be attempting the work each day. We have contacted students when we have noticed no activity online. We ask parents to support students wherever possible and encourage them to complete this work. For Year 11 and Year 13 we are providing some bridging activities to help you with the transition to the next stage of your learning.

During the next few days our Pastoral team will be contacting all students in Years 7 to 10. This is to do a safe and well check and to monitor whether school work is being done (and if there is something we can do to help complete it). We will also be sending a questionnaire out later this week to gather some opinions.

We relaunched our Student and Parent Guidance website before Easter, and this is updated regularly. It now has sections on wellbeing, character and other tips and advice. To make it easier to access we have added a new tab on the school website with a direct link to the webpage. If you need advice on how to stay safe online during this period of closure the following are useful websites:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

If you have any safeguarding concerns, online or otherwise the names of the Safeguarding team are at the end of this bulletin with the relevant email address.

Exam Update

We received guidance from Ofqual on the awarding of GCSE and A Level grades this summer just before Easter. We sent a separate letter to students and parents affected but if you want to find out more information please use the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer2020>



We will ensure students in Year 11 and 13 have a formal 'leaving' event when it is eventually possible to do so safely. For now, we wish them all the best for the future.

Please look after each other and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



Ian Moreton
Headteacher

Useful Information

Keeping up to date

Letters and parent bulletins can be found on our News tab or using the links on the Parent page of the school website. Follow us on the usual social media platforms.

Student illness

Please let us know if your child is ill and unable to complete their Google Classroom work by emailing info@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk. Please let us know how long you think they will be unable to complete the work and if the illness is suspected coronavirus

Questions or queries

General questions or concerns about your child, the work set or other issues please email info@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk.

Help with Google Classroom

The Student and Parent site has guidance and help with any questions on how to use Google classroom (via the school website)

Technical Support for Google Classroom

For technical support, such as password resets, please use the Technical help request on the Student and Parent site (via the school website)

Safeguarding

The Great Wyrley Academy Safeguarding Team members are:

Mr M Bourne

Mr C Bailey

Mrs K Moore

Mr D Fielder

Ms J Foyle

Please email mbourne@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk if you have any concerns in the first instance.

However, if you have a safeguarding concern about a child please call First Response on 0800 131 3126 outside of the school's hours. If there is an urgent response needed please phone 999 or 111.

For anything else please email info@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk or use the contact us page on our website.