

St Joseph's Catholic Academy

A Leading Edge Technology & Applied Learning College

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Please find enclosed our school report for the end of the Autumn first term.

All reports include:

- 'Working at Grade'
- 'Predicted Final Grade' this is the A Level grade they are likely to achieve if they continue working at their present rate.
- 'Target Grade' that they should be aiming to achieve or exceed by the end of the year
- 'Attendance' 95% is generally considered to be good.

As you are aware School was closed during the summer 2019/20 term. This will inevitably lead to some variation in grades since that time. We continue to adapt our curriculum and work with students to bridge any learning gaps.

During this term we have continued to work on our remote deliver to support students in their studies in these unprecedented times. Outlined below are a reminder of some of the structures in place.

Students will be able to access work and communicate with staff by

- Google classroom- Including worksheets, Power Points with activities, retrieval tasks, quizzes, past papers. We have activated the guardian email which if accepted will send you weekly summaries of any homework tasks that are due and any deadlines missed. By providing an overview we hope this will continue to allow you to help your child priorities tasks and meet deadlines.
- Contacting staff – Google Classroom has a messaging function whereby students can contact teaching staff to ask for support in completing tasks.
- Paper resources will be sent out to students who do not have access to Google Classroom.
- Further information about Google Classroom and Google Classroom tutorials can be found on our website: <http://www.stjosephs.uk.net/school-life/4227-2/>
- Emailing staff- While work will be placed in google classrooms and this is your first route for communication you can email individual staff with questions.
- Many subjects are offering a blended offer of live remote lessons using Microsoft teams and narrated resources for students working from home while self isolating.
- Home work tasks are set using google classroom, this ensures that the students are familiar with the platform.

We will continue to support students in school with

- Targeted interventions.
- Tutoring and small group programmes.

Subject afterschool support sessions

- Targeted pastoral & study skill mentoring programme.
- PSHE programme including, UCAS, apprenticeships, study skills, organisation and independent learning.
- Assemblies including well-being, science of learning, post 18 pathways.

Celebrating our students

Our students have worked hard this term on both their academic and enriching and community activities. These are just some of the events which have taken place.

- Charity non-uniform day organised by our Head Girl and Boy
- Virtual tour of parliament
- Law school taster sessions
- Virtual Enterprise group set up
- Prefect team selling sweets to sixth form and lower school for charity

Point of contact in School

From January we will have a re structure of the 6th from pastoral team. While I will still have an overview of the Sixth form the Heads of Year will be taking a lead on all communications and pastoral support. Can you please use these as a point of contact moving forward.

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May I also take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a safe and happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

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