



SMA

Friday, 17 April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have managed to have a decent break over Easter and are staying safe and healthy. You will have heard that the current lockdown guidelines will stay in place for at least the next three weeks. I completely understand how much of a challenging time this is for everyone and on behalf of all of us at the school, please can I send our thanks for the excellent support you are giving our students at home and for the messages of support we have received from you over the last month.

I am not intending for this communication to be a long one, but there are a few key points I thought important to communicate at this stage:

School work

From Monday, our teachers will be setting work again for the students to be completing at home. The work set should mean that your child/ren should be able to follow their school timetable on a lesson by lesson basis as they were before the Easter break. For Year 11 students that intend to do A-levels, there will continue to be bridging work set. We appreciate that completing 5 hours work per day on a computer and our staff will try to set work that is more practical where this is possible. Thank you to parents that have responded to the questionnaire that Mrs Jones put together. Much of the feedback has been very positive thus far, which is greatly appreciated, but it has also given some very constructive ideas as well. Our Faculty Leaders are meeting (remotely) at the start of next week to look at the feedback and plan the work that will be set over the coming weeks. If you would still like to complete the survey, the link is here: <https://bit.ly/39H12ss>

Free-School Meals

As you may be aware from the media, the Government have now set up a scheme for the issuing of the Free School Meal vouchers during the current closure period. Each pupil that is entitled to receive Free School Meals will receive a £15 voucher each week as their entitlement during the closures. The school has registered for this scheme and has requested the vouchers on behalf of your child/ren. These vouchers will be e-mailed to you on Monday and can currently be used at the following supermarkets; Asda, Morrisons, M&S, Tesco, Sainsburys and Waitrose. You will be able to redeem them in store by either presenting the voucher on your smartphone or presenting a paper copy of the voucher. If you do not receive this by the end of the day on Monday, please can you email finance@boswells-school.com.

Year 11 & 13 Centre-Assessed Grades

Just before the Easter break, we received guidance from Ofqual regarding Year 11 and Year 13 centre-assessed grades. We will be putting the guidance into practice over the next 6 weeks to

ensure there is a consistency and fairness to the approach (both in school and nationally). Just to remind you that we will be unable to communicate these grades to you/your child until the August results day, so please can I ask that staff are not contacted regarding this. If you have a particular query, please can you email me directly (sma@boswells-school.com), but again I would like to stress the Education Secretary's words that no student should be disadvantaged this year.

Welfare

A number of documents to help you and your child with welfare and e-safety matters during this time are available on our website:

[Zoom for parents](#)

[Covid19 Advice for Parents](#)

[Emotional wellbeing – we all have arguments](#)

We hope you find this information useful. You and your child will also receive a letter by email today from staff at The Boswells School to ensure you/they know where to seek support if your child/children are experiencing any difficulties, either with the academic work or emotionally.

The Wilderness Foundation has created 'Wild Time' to help everyone through lock down with activities to keep the whole family engaged in nature and the outdoors and activities to keep our minds healthy with Mindfulness and Reflections. Click on the link to see what ideas they offer:

<https://wildernessfoundation.org.uk/wildtime/>

The School Nursing team have set up a phone line called 'Chat Health' 07520 615733. Young people can phone up themselves if they have low level health related questions or want to discuss any worries. Parents can also phone up if they want advice e.g. how to manage children at home with ADHD.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support. If you need to contact us, please do so through our email account admin@boswells-school.com.

Yours sincerely,

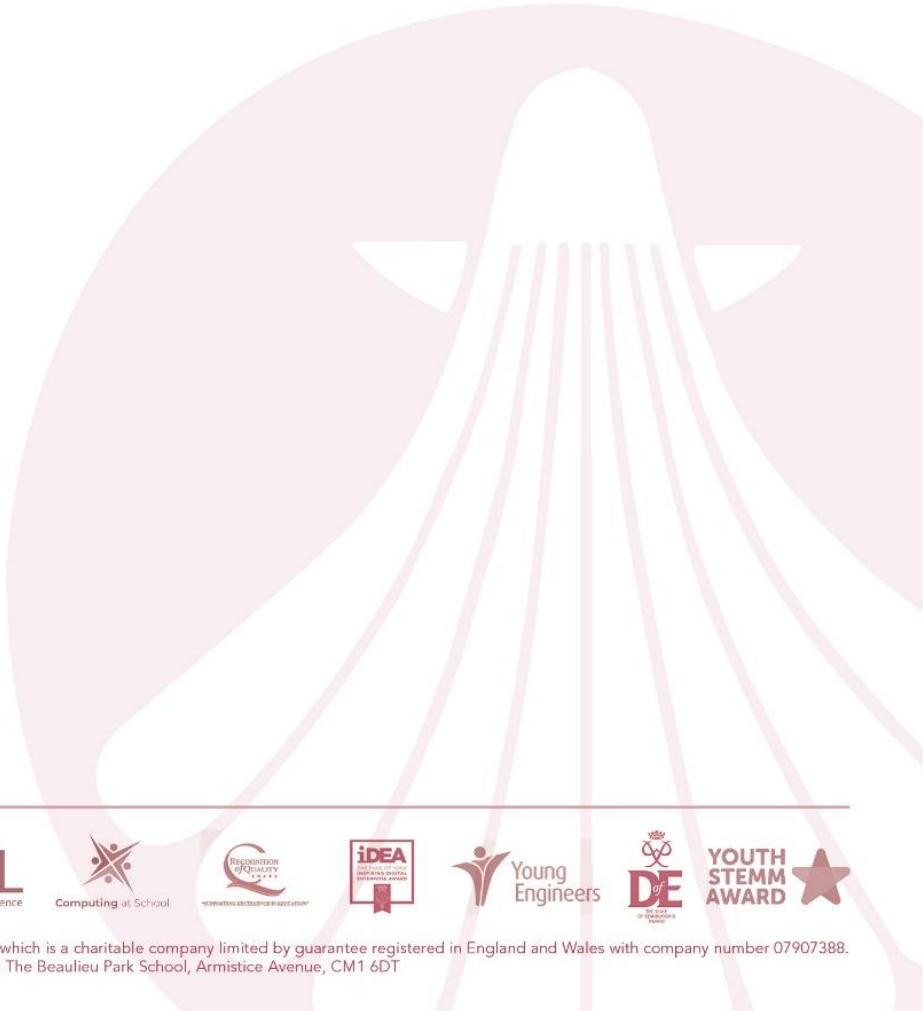


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