

21 May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your family are safe and coping as these troubled times continue. As I am sure that you are aware, education has been a major source of debate in the press over the last week. I personally find it unhelpful that the debate is focussed on anything other than what is best for young people. I can assure you that we cannot wait for the buzz and excitement of learning to return to the College, I cannot wait to see students enjoying themselves on the sports field or engaged with Wymondham Life activities. However, we can only move forward towards this goal once clear guidance has been issued by the Department of Education that will allow us to plan for the safety of all in our community. As soon as I have more information, I will of course share this with you.

During more normal times, it is always the highlight of my day to meet with students to present them with Headteacher's Awards for their hard work and progress. Having asked teachers to make nominations this week, I have been inundated and I will personally write to every student nominated and send them a Headteacher's Award in the post.

Regarding Home Learning, we have continued to reflect on feedback to hone our approach which means we regularly re-issue updated guidance to our teachers so that they can continue to improve and innovate via Microsoft Teams. We have increased the number of lessons where teachers "narrate" a powerpoint, increased the number of pre-recorded teacher videos and this week broadcast some live lessons. I assure you that everybody at the College is doing their best to make Home Learning as effective as we can. I have certainly learnt over the last nine weeks that it is impossible to please all of the people all of the time, but we are doing our best to ensure that our students will be well placed to continue their learning when happier times return. If you do have questions or comments relating to Home Learning, if they are of a subject specific nature they should be directed to the Head of Department or wider issues either to Mrs Edmunds-Grezio ([edmundia.staff@wymondhamcollege.org](mailto:edmundia.staff@wymondhamcollege.org)) or myself ([headteacher@wymondhamcollege.org](mailto:headteacher@wymondhamcollege.org)).

A reminder that Home Learning will not be in operation during half term week and we 'return' on a B week on Monday 1 June.

Our College Chaplain, Rev Ian Jones, has been writing a Sunday sermon very week during the period of lockdown and these are now uploaded to a new section of the College website (<https://www.wymondhamcollege.org/1649/chaplaincy>). A reminder also that on the Coronavirus Support page there are a number of activities to engage your son/daughter over the half-term period including a new MFL competition.

And finally, the theme of Mental Health Awareness Week this year is 'Be Kind'. I can not think of a time in recent history when such a message has been more important. Random acts of kindness mean so much to people especially when they maybe poorly, suffering, isolated or simply concerned. I think that these unprecedented times have brought out the best in our

society with people showing humility and understanding for others and I hope this is something that we can continue to embrace.

Stay safe  
Floreat Sapientia

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Browning', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mr Dan Browning  
Headteacher