

*Our Reference: LKG/SB**

24th April 2020

Dear Families,

I know that this has been an incredibly difficult time for all of you and your families. As you will be aware, we may be in the current state of lockdown for some time to come. However, we thank all of you for your support during this time and for everything you are doing at home to ensure that your children are engaging in their school work and for looking after their wellbeing. Please can I reassure all families that this situation will end and that we will all come through it together, the stronger for it.

This week, as you will know, the Heads of Year, Assistant Heads of Year and Form Tutors at Raynes Park High School have been extremely busy phoning every student in the school. We feel that it is incredibly important for us to catch up with all of our students, to check on their wellbeing, to find out what they are doing to help out at home and how they are getting on with the school work that has been set on Show My Homework. So far, we have made contact with about 80% of students. We will keep this going through next week, until we have spoken to every student in our school community.

In the meantime, please could I ask parents and carers to keep up your efforts in making sure that your children do their school work and maintain a sensible and consistent routine from each day to the next. For Key Stage 3 we have set out a suggested timetable for students to follow. Please could you support your children in getting up early every day and sticking to this routine. For students in Years 10 and 12 I would suggest that they continue to follow their normal school timetable to complete the work set for them on Show My Homework. For Years 11 and 13 we will be uploading further information and support to facilitate their transition to sixth form and university and a separate letter has been sent to them today.

Lots of new links have been added to Show My Homework to support your child's learning. Also on the BBC there is a substantial day time schedule of educational programmes. We would recommend that you encourage your child to make use of all of these resources. Finally, some of our teachers will be producing a series of short tutorial style lessons in different subjects. These will be uploaded soon on Show My Homework.

As well as completing school work it is really important that your child does exercise at home. There are many on line workouts to do and I know that many students are doing the Joe Wicks workout at 9am each morning. I have set Year 10 a special Royal Marines Commando fitness challenge! I am looking forward to seeing who can achieve this!

Please ensure that you all look after each other during the lockdown. We all miss your children so much and can't wait to get back to normality, with all our students in school - when of course it is safe for them to be here.

Yours faithfully,

L. King

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