



Wisdom Service Hope

## St Mary's and St John's CE School

*"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)*

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Dear Year 10 Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well and keeping safe. As you are aware your child has now missed 6 weeks of school. The GCSE period is a challenging time and we are all mindful of the impact this amount of time out of school will have on our students.

With this in mind we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the expectations of Distance Learning. Each day students should complete 3 pieces of work. The Distance Learning timetable for each week is published on ClassCharts and our SMSJ website every Sunday <http://www.smsj.barnet.sch.uk/1659/distance-learning-1>. Each piece of work consists of at least 4 different activities and should take at least an hour and 30 minutes to complete. When work is completed it should be sent to the class teacher, preferably on the day it is completed.

Each department is keeping a log of work submitted and we also check every child's use of GCSE Pod.

We are aware of the continual challenges that lockdown presents and how this may disrupt learning. However, as the nation continues with their learning, we urge the Year 10s to do the same. At present GCSE exams are due to go ahead next year; therefore, our Year 10s must persevere and continue to work towards their forthcoming exams. We regularly check ClassCharts which notifies us of the fantastic work some of our Year 10s have been completing. Nevertheless, it is imperative that all Year 10 students continue to submit their work in accordance with the deadlines. The course content is continuing as it would if students were in school, so all our Year 10s must endeavour to keep on track with it to avoid falling behind.

Please encourage your child to keep up with their work as much as possible. We are here to support both you and your child through these difficult times. Please get in touch with either me or Ms Ahenkan if you would like to discuss any issues you are having with your child and Distance Learning.

Additionally, if you are experiencing any issue with logins for ClassCharts or GCSE Pod please contact us.

We thank you for continuing to support learning as much as you possibly can and wish you all good health.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Thomas  
Assistant Principal