

April 2020

Dear parent/carer,

As we begin the summer term, we remain in uncharted territory and we are still unclear about how and when school will reopen to the majority of its pupils.

First, I am very grateful to those of you who have taken the time to feedback on the support you have been getting from school. As you will appreciate, our teachers had to prepare resources for home learning with very little advance warning. It is important to us that your child's education continues to be supported at a level that is appropriate to their age and ability, yet at the same time does not place undue pressure on families who also have to manage their own work commitments.

For this reason, the expectations for different key stages and year groups will be as follows:

### **Key Stage Three (years 7-9)**

Please follow the daily lessons which are available on BBC Bitesize. Having reviewed these yesterday these are relevant, engaging and can be followed independently by your child on a computer, TV or via their smartphone. In addition, The Oak National Academy have also launched a range of government-backed online resources. Additional work will be set on Showmyhomework where appropriate, however we believe these nationally accredited lessons will give your child independence and structure.

### **Year 10**

Your teachers will continue to set work via Showmyhomework that ensures the GCSE curriculum continues to be followed. This will include links to resources (which will be suitable for a range of abilities), tasks and assessments. Where work needs to be submitted to be marked, this will be made clear.



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## Year 11

For those students who will be entering the sixth form, teachers will suggest some transition work that will encourage pupils to think, work and research at a level which reflects the greater demands of A level study. These links will be made available on Showmyhomework and set for all students. Students should select the appropriate work based on its relevance to them and their future choices. Due to the fact that these resources will need to be newly generated they will begin to be added to Showmyhomework in the early part of this week. Continuing to complete the GCSE work that we have set in these subjects is likely to still have benefit and I would encourage your child to continue to do this until new resources become available.

In addition, for all Year 11 students, but especially for those who do not intend to study A levels, suggestions have and will continue to be made - again via Showmyhomework, BeReady and Grofar - for life-skills projects, skills development and career guidance resources that we believe will be useful to them.

I believe there is plenty of productive work that your children can be undertaking, but I would like to remind you that all subject teachers are working behind the scenes, so if you have any specific query or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to email individual teachers. The addresses of all teachers can be found on the school website under "Home", "Staff". Your child's Form Tutor is also available should you have any pastoral needs that you would like to discuss with them.

These are indeed unprecedented times and I appreciate your support and feedback as we work through the summer term. We will be reviewing our practice with regard to teaching, learning and support throughout the term and I will write to you as appropriate with regard to this.

It is particularly helpful for us if we become aware that you consider the work your child is getting is too much or too little or too hard or too easy!? If feedback of this kind is sent to [fearont@goldington.beds.sch.uk](mailto:fearont@goldington.beds.sch.uk) it will allow us to monitor your feedback from one email address and act appropriately.

I'm very much hoping you and your family are all safe at this time and we return to normal as soon as possible.

With kind regards,



**Francis Galbraith**  
**Principal**