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Dear All,

I hope this finds you and your family safe, well and in good spirits as we come to the end of the Easter holiday and prepare for another period of home-schooling from tomorrow. If you missed our Easter message earlier last week, please find it [here](#).

The Government confirmed in its briefing this afternoon that no date has yet been set for schools to return. We know it will be a relief to many to get back to business as usual but until we have official confirmation that this is happening, we shall continue to do all we can to provide support for the children learning at home. Please check the revised recommended timetables on the [home learning](#) page of the website.

As mentioned in my email at the end of last term, we hope to enhance this provision over the coming weeks and make it as interactive and engaging as possible without placing unrealistic expectations on staff and parents and within the constraints placed on us all by IT resources and safeguarding protocols. Your continued understanding and support is very much appreciated.

Meanwhile the Government has announced today the launch of a number of packages to support online learning, including what they claim will be high quality resources from the [BBC](#) and the [Oak National Academy](#). These resources and further advice for parents on managing home learning can be found [here](#).

Since I last wrote, we have had some time to start planning how we will calculate grades for students in Years 11 and 13 who were due to sit GCSE and A' level exams in the coming weeks. This is a complicated process and one that we obviously have to get right if we are to ensure the students all get the grades they deserve. Ofqual are currently carrying out a consultation on this process but in the meantime we are putting into place a system in school to ensure that we can do this accurately and fairly. Without going into the finer detail, you should know that the process will be exceedingly thorough and all grades will be subjected to moderation both within the school and externally.

We shall continue to update students and families in these year groups as the process gets underway. In the meantime, our advice is that students in Years 11 and 13 should continue to complete work that will help them to acquire knowledge and understanding that will support them in their ongoing studies but other than that, there is no need for them to complete any more of the set work unless they feel that they particularly want to. As per my last email, Friday 1st May will mark the end of the academic year for Years 11 and 13 and from Monday 4th May, we are expecting students in Year 11 to be working on bridging assignments for Year 12 and for those in Year 13 to be undertaking independent preparation for their individual next steps.

We plan to complete another round of phone calls to all families in the second week of term, once everyone has had a chance to engage with the next stage of home learning. However, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us before this if you are experiencing difficulties or have any concerns about anything relating to home learning or any of the children's well-being.

An announcement was made in today's Government briefing about support for "disadvantaged" families. There will be further information to follow on this once the Department for Education has clarified how this will work in practice. In the meantime, we appreciate that due to the current crisis, there has been an increase in the number of families who now qualify for free school meals. If you think this may apply to you or if you have any questions about this, please contact Miss Honeywood, khoneywood@salesian.surrey.sch.uk.



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Thank you to all those families who have supported us already with our various fundraising efforts to produce PPE, support local foodbanks and raise money for the NHS. Thousands of pounds have already been raised but we are hoping to raise more. Please follow this [link](#) to find out how you can support these efforts.

Finally, Mr Hamshar will be launching the “*Salesian 7 Challenge*” this week so please look out for that and we shall look forward to seeing how you rise to it!

With the all best wishes for the term ahead from everyone here,

God bless,

James Kibble
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