



Icknield Community College

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Dear Parents

I hope you and your families are safe and well.

Thank you for all of your support this week in enabling students to complete their Key Stage 3 exams. Thank you for your feedback, too, which prompted the additional communication from Matt Ford, Assistant Headteacher, on Tuesday. We fully recognise that this was not going to be a perfect system during these times but we have all done our best.

Thank you and congratulations to all of our Key Stage 3 students who have revised really hard for their exams and given them their very best. We recognise that these have not been carried out under normal conditions and are very grateful to our students for their perseverance. Please do remind your children to email their papers to their teachers.

May I remind you all that your children's teachers will now be setting work for them on Show My Homework from Monday next week. Please do refer to my letter from last time for more detail and information.

Should your child wish to supplement their learning from other areas, please can I remind you that BBC Bitesize launched their new "Daily Learning" programmes on Monday 20th April:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Equally, you may have heard of the launch of Oak National Academy on Monday, an online school set up by state school teachers. Please do share this with your child if they are interested:

<https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/>

We recognise that, in the fifth week of lockdown, students may well have concerns and worries about COVID-19. Please find attached to this Parentmail a guidance paper entitled "Supporting children and young people with worries about COVID-19" from the CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) School In Reach Team. I hope you find this useful.

The police have also asked us to circulate a letter about "sexting". Please do discuss this with your children to ensure that they are safe.

One of our partner schools in the trust, Matthew Arnold, have also shared a link with us about online safety. Please do take a look at this if you think this would be useful at a time when your children are probably spending a far greater amount of time online than they normally would be.

<https://sites.google.com/maschool.org.uk/onlinesafety>

Finally, please do see another letter attached, this time from the Immunisation Team at Oxford Health explaining the suspension of the immunisation programme for Year 8 and 9 students.

I hope you all have a good week and I will be in touch again next week.

Yours faithfully



Mat Hunter
Headteacher