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## ST JOHN'S MARLBOROUGH – COVID 19

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your families are all well as we come to the end of what has been a very unconventional Easter Break. St John's has remained open and we have all started to prepare for the start of Term 5. We now know for certain that things need to remain as they are for at least the next three weeks, but we do remain hopeful that an exit strategy will be in place as soon as possible. I am well aware that many students will be missing a routine by now, even if they aren't prepared to admit it! To this end, the Leadership are beginning to prepare for a number of scenarios that we feel may be appropriate should GOVUK instruct any changes. As soon as anything changes formally, we will be in touch with you all directly.

As Term 5 begins, I hope that the students will notice a change in the way we present and load the work they need to be doing. There are a number of other points I want to keep you in touch with too:

- If your child is in Key Stage 3, please do encourage them to use the new timetable so that they don't become overwhelmed with work set and deadlines to meet. We will follow these changes with a questionnaire soon so that we can gather your views.
- If your son or daughter is in Year 10 or 12, please look out for the information about the online exam series. This will be commencing in May and hopefully students have been revising for them.
- If your son or daughter is in Year 11 and planning to have a place in St John's Sixth Form, they will need to be looking out for the A level preparation work that will start to be distributed from April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Please don't be surprised by a phone call that you may receive from the Academy in the next couple of weeks. A number of staff are volunteering to try and make contact with every household just to touch base and see if there is anything we need to be aware of. If you have an issue which you need to let us know about, you can tell us, and we can signpost help if it is needed.
- Summer exams and grading timelines and procedures for Year 11 and 13 are now being established. As promised, we will write separately about this to those year groups. I am pleased to be able to confirm that the results days are staying the same and these are **13<sup>th</sup> August for A Levels and BTEC and 20<sup>th</sup> August for GCSEs.**

Please do continue to stay engaged with what needs to be done at this challenging time. We appreciate as always the contact that we have had with you through the [covid-19@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk](mailto:covid-19@stjohns.excalibur.org.uk) email and we continue to keep up to date our dedicated area on the school website which can be found at: <https://www.stjohns.excalibur.org.uk/latest-covid-19-information/>. The Twitter feed is also a very useful way of staying in touch with what St John's are doing in the community, to try and help and support national effort at this time.

I will be in contact again next week with you all but in the meantime, please do take care.

With kindest regards

**Ian Tucker**  
Principal

