



Assembly notices

Monday 15th June 2020

Reflection for the week

A person's ability to acquire knowledge is irrespective of background, belief and gender. By having an education, people can stand out as equal with all other people from different backgrounds. Education can break all barriers.

There are countless reasons for why education is important. It is no secret that a good education has the power to change a life. It helps people to think critically, it enhances creativity and imagination, it exposes people to new ideas and helps people to find a path to a career that they wish to pursue. Education destroys ignorance and has the power to create a utopia if we all embrace it.

Education forms the foundation of society. It is responsible for the economic, social, and political growth and development of civilisation.

Because of lockdown, you have lost out on aspects of a proper education for the past two months. We, like schools up and down the country, and around the world, have worked hard to provide you with work that will help educate you, but it is not the same as being with your teachers – people who have had specialist training to help children learn.

However, we will help you to catch up and plans are in place to help you do so. Knowledge is power.

Every industry has been impacted by coronavirus. As society very slowly gets back to normal, so will we. Time stopped still for a while – and slowly it is starting to tick again.

For your benefit, please ensure that you are completing and submitting the work that is uploaded onto Show My Homework for you. Do not underestimate the power of education and how it will equip you for the rest of your lives.

Please see the assembly notices for this week:

Year 10 – Face to face sessions

Face to face teaching sessions will begin today. All pupils have received their individual timetables and pupils must only attend school on the days that they are due to be in.

If a pupil has not attended the Health and Safety Induction session, they should not attend school until a parent/ carer has contacted the school to arrange their induction.

We know that some of you are in households where people are shielding and therefore you are not going to attend school.

We have made the following arrangements for pupils who are not currently able to attend school:

- The subject baseline assessments will be uploaded to Show My Homework – these should be completed week beginning Monday 15th June 2020 and submitted through Show My Homework or to department email addresses
- All of the lessons will be uploaded onto Show My Homework, after the lesson has taken place in school
- The lessons will be followed by specific homework tasks which will be uploaded to Show My Homework, along with the lesson content
- The tasks are directly related to the learning in the lesson and many of the tasks will be in the format of a test or short assessment
- You should submit your work via Show My Homework
- You will receive feedback before your next lesson
- Additional work will be uploaded to Show My Homework on the days that year 10 pupils are not on school site.

We continue to stress that all pupils in year 10 should complete the work set on Show My Homework (SMHW). This work is a continuation of your GCSE courses. **This is irrespective of year 10 face to face sessions. The bulk of learning must continue online.**

Work will continue to be set on SMHW and this must be completed and submitted by the deadlines issued.

If there are immediate issues, please email Mr Edwards at KS4pastoral@platanoscollege.com or the subject specific email address.

Year 10 Covid-19 Concerns

In order to best support our pupils, we have set up an exclusive email address for our year 10 pupils. If your child has any concerns related to Covid-19, your child can send an email to the following email address: pupilmCovidconcerns@platanoscollege.com

Show My Homework – Years 7 – 9

Well done to all of our pupils who have continued to consistently use *Show My Homework* (SMHW) to complete lessons and work set by your teachers over the break. We continue to miss you all – and we are continuing to work tirelessly from home to ensure that your education can continue during these unprecedented and unusual times.

Work should be uploaded onto SMHW and your teachers will check this for you. If you see work has been set for you by a teacher that doesn't usually teach you – this is okay – you should still complete the work which has been set and upload this and it will be seen by your class teacher.

If you have a problem with uploading to SMHW you can add your work as an attachment to the pastoral email addresses (reminder below). Your Pastoral Manager will forward any work to the relevant departments.

Year 11 Further Education

Colleges and 6th Forms are using a variety of ways to help you find out more about what is on offer:

Southwark College will be holding a series of Virtual Open Days

The events are open to all applicants and people considering to study at Southwark College and will be held between 2-7pm on:

Thursday 4 June

Thursday 25 June

Thursday 9 July

If you are interested then you will be able to register to attend sessions for each course area and apprenticeships, hear from the Principal and also find out more about enrichment, student services and work experience.

To register for the sessions you would like to attend, please visit the Virtual Open Days page on the college website website at www.southwark.ac.uk/virtualopendays.

Christ the King's year 11 Virtual School has a number of resources to support year 11 students with their transition to post 16 study and includes the following:

- Transition booklets for all the subjects they offer at Christ the King Sixth Forms which includes activities for students to complete, online and reading resources to help students prepare for their post 16 studies.
- A free careers download activity pack which students can access and work on.
- Year 11 Careers Hotline, if pupils need any impartial advice the Team are there to help at this difficult time.

The link to all the resources can be found <https://www.ctl.ac.uk/year-11-careers-advice/>

West London College Virtual Open Days registration links can be found at wlc.ac.uk/opendays

John Ruskin College will be hosting a Virtual Open Event on Tuesday 23 June from 17:30 – 20:00.

Prospective students will be offered the chance to have 1:1 live chats with the Curriculum Team and Support Team specialists, including Apprenticeship talks, on the night and throughout the following week. The event will be a great opportunity to hear from their staff and to learn about the wide range of opportunities at the College.

If you need further advice on this, you should email ks4pastoral@platanoscollege.com for guidance.

Health and safety

We hope that you have been and continue to be well, safe and healthy. We continue to remember in our thoughts and prayers those who have been directly affected by coronavirus – staff, their

families, our pupils and their families. If everyone works together this will come to an end. Please follow the advice set out by the UK government:

- stay at home as much as possible
- complete your school work at home
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly

You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

Mental Wellbeing

Many of you will be feeling anxious because of the dramatic change to our lives. This is normal. It is okay to feel this way. Please remember: **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** Many of us are feeling the same way. We must bide our time and sooner rather than later things will return to normal. Try to help your mental wellbeing in the meantime:

- Limit the amount of news you watch and read. The constant reminder will only add to your anxiety.
- Read a novel or listen to an audio book. This will act as escapism and take your imagination to new and exciting places.
- Limit the amount of social media you access – fake news thrives on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat. Fake news will only worsen your anxieties.
- Exercise – you are allowed out of your homes for a walk or another form of exercise. However, try out PE with Joe Wicks' – your teachers have been. Exercise releases chemicals called endorphins which trigger a positive feeling in your body.
- Keep to a routine – set an alarm in the morning, make your bed, brush your teeth, set aside time for school work, set aside time for downtime and exercise, and do not go to bed too late.

Uniform notice

We do not know when school will reopen. We are seeking and following advice from the government on a daily basis. However, when school does reopen – things will be as close to normal as possible. Therefore:

- Look after your school uniform
- Please do not get piercings – nose piercings, smiler piercings, eyebrow piercings or multiple piercings are not allowed – and boys are not allowed piercings at all
- Please do not get any outrageous hairstyles – no cuts or lines, no high top or big afros and hair must be your natural hair colour.

This will ensure your return to school will not be delayed even further.

Email addresses:

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Stay safe.

Attitude Determines Altitude