



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a safe and well rested Easter break.

I am sure you have all been keeping a keen eye on the news for details on when schools will open again. As you will have seen, there has been no official date given besides a lot of speculation from various media outlets. Whilst we await a decision, it is important that we try to continue operating as a school as 'normally' as possible.

Work will continue to be set for all students via Teams. It is important that students are following the timetable provided before the Easter holidays (available on our website - https://www.nusa.org.uk/data/letters/files/KS3_and_KS4_Timetable.pdf) If students do not have access to the internet, work is available to collect from school between the hours of 10-11am each day. As I said before Easter, please do not put too much pressure on yourself as a parent. It is likely that a majority of you are trying to complete your own work from home, alongside keeping a home and looking after siblings/elderly relatives etc. It is important that you focus on your own wellbeing and that of your child during this time. If your child is struggling to complete their work, please encourage them to either contact a friend via social media or telephone for help or contact their teacher via Teams or email.

Independence is a skill which will take all of our student's far in life and they will have to be more independent than ever during this current pandemic. I will be placing this week's assembly on this theme on our new school YouTube channel. Please encourage your child to watch the assembly and think about how they can become more independent and the benefits this will have in their future - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCix1EGXiIVrnskuymSxFkeg>

Free School Meals

The announcement was made during the Easter holidays, that the Government will now put in provisions for vouchers for Free School Meals to cover the Easter period. If you have requested free school meal vouchers or a food hamper from us, you will have received an email to the email address that you provided to us so please check this as it contains details on vouchers to cover the Easter period.

I will be writing to all parents/carers of Year 11 and Year 13 later on this week with further details on grading for the Summer exams.

Take care and stay safe,

Emma Howard
Head of School