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JCO/JHR/Yr13Update

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 13 Update

As we begin Module 6, I write to reassure you and your child that, whilst formal education at this time has paused, there is much that your child can be doing throughout June and July to prepare them for the next stage of their lives, whether that be at university, in employment, in an apprenticeship or on a gap year.

Post-16 Community Google Classroom and weekly Post-16 Briefing on YouTube

The Post-16 Team posts daily announcements, updates, ideas and tips for Post-16 students on the Post-16 Community Google Classroom. The code for this Classroom is **cruhkyz**. Many of these posts have direct relevance to students in Year 13. Since the first week of school closures, Mr Forcella-Burton has also been recording weekly Briefings for Post-16 students from home and posting them on YouTube, in order to keep students informed, to motivate them and to maintain a sense of community in Post-16. These can be found on his YouTube channel, which can be found by searching for **Lee Forcella-Burton**.

Post-18 Options

Covid-19 has generated a significant amount of uncertainty, with unanswered questions about whether universities will be able to reopen on time in the autumn and if they will be able to provide face to face teaching, whether employers will be in a financial position to take on new staff in light of the imminent recession, whether apprenticeship providers will be in a position to start training programmes on time and whether planned gap year activities will be able to go ahead, especially if they involve overseas travel. If your child is reconsidering their plans for the autumn as a result, you may find it helpful to review the considerable advice and guidance on Post-18 Options that we have made available on our academy website. From the main menu bar across the top, select 'Post-16' and then choose 'Post-18 Options' from the dropdown to access this information, which takes the form of written information, videos, links to external providers and links to Mr Forcella-Burton's YouTube channel videos about Post-18 Options.

University applications

Students who have applied to university have personalised deadline dates by which to select their firm and insurance choices, so they should check their own deadline date on their account on UCAS Track. These students should have already applied for student finance to be guaranteed payment in time for the start of their university course but applications can still be made. They should also complete applications for student accommodation, as soon as their firm and insurance universities contact them to do so.

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If your child has applied to university but is now considering either deferring for a year or withdrawing their application, in light of Covid-19 and the uncertainty about when universities will reopen, it is our strong advice that they should delay making any decisions at this stage. Much could change in the next three months and the government is working closely with universities to ensure that they, like schools, can reopen as normal as soon as possible. We would advise students not to make any decisions until results day, at the earliest.

If your child is reconsidering their decision not to apply to university, in light of the current uncertainty in the apprenticeship and employment fields due to Covid-19, they can still make applications to universities until the end of September this year. If your child decides that they will make a late application, they should contact Mr Forcella-Burton for support and guidance. However, many employers and apprenticeship providers are still planning to recruit, so your child should not give up their search for these opportunities.

Results Days

This summer, the IB results will be available to students on Tuesday 7th July and A Level and BTEC results will be available to students on Thursday 13th August. GCSE results, for those students enrolled for English or Mathematics retakes, will be available on Thursday 20th August. We will write to you again before then to let you know the process for receiving these results and how we will support students on the day, as they move on to the next stage of their lives.

Thank you for your support at this time. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact your child's Head of College or Mr Forcella-Burton.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



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