



Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre

Striving for Excellence

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It would be far too easy for us all to become overwhelmed by the sheer volume of desperately worrying news stories circulating at the moment. While the Covid-19 pandemic is undoubtedly the focus of much of our attention it is also important not to lose sight of what lifts our spirits at this difficult time. It is impossible not to be impressed with the sheer determination of the Army veteran Tom Moore, 99, raising so much money for the NHS. Now I am sure that when he started with the goal of raising £1000 he had no idea he would raise so much money, or indeed sing a duet with Michael Ball!

At times of crisis it is inspirational stories like this that keep us going. Closer to home I have been inspired by the fantastic creativity of your sons and daughters during this lock down.

If you have not had the opportunity to look at the amazing work on show please follow us on @newentschool. Hopefully you have all had a chance to view our staff anthem that was put together by our talented Head of Music and was released on twitter on Monday.

In addition to showcasing the amazing talent of the young people at Newent Community School and Sixth Form Centre these links are just that, links to our community. We must never underestimate how traumatic it has already been for all of our students, especially those in Y11 and Y13 to have all of the regular events, friendships and rites of passage pulled away from them so suddenly. Links, connections and creativity are enormously important at this stressful time.

Grading for Y11 and Y13 students

Unfortunately there is no new information since I wrote to you last week but I can confirm that the release of calculated grades will be on August 13th for A Levels and August 20th for GCSEs.

Additional support for students in Y11 and Y13

As you are aware we use Unifrog to support our students to make the best choices, and submit the strongest applications. I have included a video link below to tell you more about Unifrog.

<https://www.unifrog.org/case-studies>

However, the link that I believe will be most helpful to share with your sons and daughters at this time is the link on the Unifrog platform where students can access info about wellbeing.

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/know-how/wellbeing>

Distance Learning

Thank you for all of your positive feedback regarding the changes that we have made to our distance learning model. It is as I am sure you are aware something that will continue to evolve whilst we are in lock down. Please continue to provide feedback straight to rphillips@newent.gloucs.sch.uk so that we may continue to support our families in the best way possible.

Please remember that the school has remained open for vulnerable children and those of key workers ever since the crisis started, as such you can call school reception during school day, or alternatively email admin at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Alan Johnson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alan Johnson
Principal