

17th April 2020

Dear Students; Parents / Carers and Staff,

As we reach the end of what should be the Easter break, I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and that you all managed to have a rest in some way over the last two weeks?

Following the Government update announced on Thursday 16 April of a further three weeks of the current isolation and distancing measures, although we will sadly not be returning to school on Monday 20 April, our staff will be returning to the routine of regularly setting and tracking work via Show My Homework, and there will be the continued ongoing support available from teachers and the pastoral team

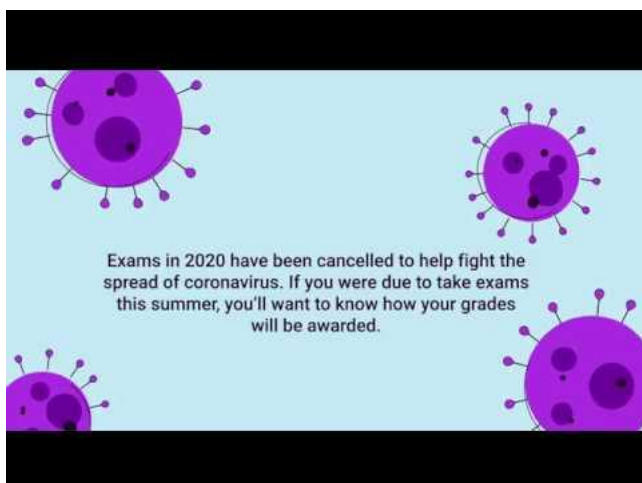
I would like to thank you all again for your hard work in supporting all of the students and adapting to the challenges we faced last term and continue to face.

Please be reassured that I will continue to send regular updates regarding all relevant school information during this ongoing lockdown and will update you on the school's position as the national picture changes things for us.

Prior to the very unusual start of term on Monday 20 April, I wanted to share a couple of things that you may find useful and, although this information is for Year 11 and 13, I know that many others also find it interesting to understand the national picture and the support measures that school is offering to our learners as we start the new term.

Firstly, I wrote to you prior to the Easter break, informing you of the situation surrounding summer examinations for Year 11 GCSEs; Year 12 AS and Design Production; Year 13 A Level. In addition to this information shared, we have also sourced a useful guidance YouTube link by Ofqual, the examinations regulatory body. This may prove to be useful, supportive and helpful for our students to watch. This link is also on the school's website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXuDOrtJY1Q>



[Grading in 2020 - information for students](#)

Information for students expecting GCSE, AS or A level results in summer 2020. For more information visit <https://www.gov.uk/ofqual>

www.youtube.com

Secondly, this term is when all our Year 11 and Year 13 students finalise their plans regarding their future destinations and, although the majority of learners are well planned for September 2020, others may either still need to agree a destination plan or want to change their plan. Therefore, as a further support mechanism for our learners, we have set up a new email tab 'Destinations', which has all the appropriate staff linked to it, so that all questions, queries and concerns can be promptly dealt with and our students and families can continue to receive the high level of support you have come to expect of our school. I have attached the school's Destinations Information sheet, which outlines the support learners can access in more detail, including the 'Destinations' email address to use, which will be in operation at all times.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the pastoral team, as I see all the positive messages being passed on to our students and families from the Heads of Year; SEN; safeguarding and teachers and I know this support has been highly valued. They will continue with this good work and their effective communication.

Linked to the work of the pastoral team, it has been great to hear of so many positive messages of Lincolnshire teenagers on Twitter, which has been set up by the local authority, and so we will be looking to upload any good news stories about students at Giles Academy over the next few weeks to celebrate their work.

Therefore, please send any stories or messages to the pastoral leads or Mrs Pell - Assistant Headteacher (spell@gilesacademy.co.uk) about our student's acts of kindness or successes at this challenging time and we will use the Twitter link so that these are celebrated widely:

- [#CovidTeenHeroes](#)

Please stay safe and I look forward to being able to update you on the school's position as and when things change and we can return to school.

The school is eerily quiet and the staff communicate to me regularly that they, like myself are missing our amazing students.

Kind regards



Katie Belcher
Deputy Headteacher

GILES ACADEMY DESTINATIONS

GUIDANCE FOR YEAR 11 & 13 STUDENTS

(NB: TO INCLUDE YEAR 12 WHO MAYBE CONSIDERING A CHANGE IN DIRECTION)

ALL FUTURE ENQUIRIES RE: DESTINATIONS FOR SEPT 2020:

(NB: During COVID-19 only as an additional support mechanism for our families)

ALL enquiries only to be taken for the remainder of this academic year through email in order to ensure a prompt response.

This will be by using the email:

- Destinations@gilesacademy.co.uk

This email tab will go to the following Destinations Team:

- **Katie Belcher** Deputy Headteacher
- **Kyri Chrysostomou** Assistant Headteacher
- **Steve Davison** Careers Advisor Giles Academy
- **Matthew Sutherland** Year 11 HOY
- **Alex Reed** Post 16 HOY

As necessary they will direct your enquiry to the right person to deal with your question.

YEAR 11

INFORMATION RE: ALL DESTINATIONS:

- All enquiries regarding ALL destinations - i.e. school places; college courses; apprenticeships, etc. will be dealt with by the Destinations Team, with the team leading on this process and supporting with / directing applications
- The Destinations team will help support students who are unsure of their choices

YEAR 13

(NB: Also Yr 12 wanting to explore an alternative educational setting)

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE:

- All enquiries made from Year 13 students re: University entrance will continue to be dealt with by the Destinations Team who will lead on this process

Information Re: ALL Other Destinations:

- All enquiries regarding other destinations - i.e. college courses; apprenticeships, work placements, etc. will continue to be dealt with by the Destination Team, with Steve Davison leading on this process and supporting with / directing applications
- The Destinations team will also continue to help and support students who are unsure of their choices