

24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Students; Parents / Carers and Staff,

As we reach the end of the first week of Term 5, I hope that you and your families are keeping safe?

As of today, there is still no indication of when we will be returning to school, but our staff have certainly continued the routine of regularly setting and tracking work via Show My Homework, and there have been a great number of tasks set ... being nearly 1000 tasks this week for Year 7 to 10 and approximately 75 tasks for Year 12, so we can see our students are being kept very busy and that critical learning can continue.

Again, I would like to offer you my ongoing thanks for your hard work in supporting all of our learners and adapting to the challenges that COVID-19 has brought.

In addition to the work set on Show My Homework, today I can announce that we will be introducing a few additional optional competition activities to the work set by teachers. We are setting up this new programme to support those learners who would like more activities to do at home and I am hoping that these opportunities will help students in being able to feel even more connected to the school.

This new programme will start with an ART competition, the details of which will be sent out to tutor groups via Show My Homework and available on the website as of Monday 27 April.

This will be voluntary to enter and the theme for all art work is simply to be based on a personal response to the current COVID-19 situation, i.e. drawings or painting inspired from nature walks, with examples shared to inspire the students that have been put forward by the art department. The focus is on it being FUN!

Please look out for more details about this on Monday 27 April, including the deadline date and instructions for submitting all art-work responses and how to do this.

As well as for the students, I am excited to share that this opportunity is also open for staff and parents / carers to submit art work too! I am certain that there is some real talent out there and you may want to join in with your child / students ... why not have a go!

Finally today, can I also take the opportunity to put forward a few reminders:

- For all Year 11; 12 & 13 learners the 'Destinations' email address has been set up for any student or parent / carer to obtain advice regarding future career and destinations opportunities. Please contact us at any time!
- For our parents / carers; students and staff to share any positive messages about our fantastic young people and we will share these stories on the Twitter site set up by the LA to celebrate the work of Lincolnshire teenagers on Twitter. Any stories or messages should be sent to the Heads of Years 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 continue to stay safe and I look forward to some inspiring pieces of art work being submitted for our new competition programme.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Belcher', written in a cursive style.

Katie Belcher  
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