

gilesacademy

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Dear Students; Parents / Carers and Staff,

As we continue in this period of extended lockdown, I wanted to give another one of my weekly updates that I have become accustomed to issuing on a Friday afternoon.

In these unusual times, by writing I hope to remind students of the general buzz of life at School that we can hopefully get back to as soon as safely possible and I also hope our updates will help our students and our families feel more connected to the school, during this period of absence?

We are occasionally sent photos, you tube links; success stories and thank you emails from our amazing young people and parents, which are very well received by both myself and all the staff. We are always keen to celebrate the huge talent of our students and so if you have anything you would like us to share, please contact us at the school.

We know that all parents want to know when they can send children back to school as the continued school closures will have a detrimental impact on their individual progress. However, as the country progresses through Phase Two of the Government 'road map' for the UK, it is clear that any return to school will be gradual and we hope that during Term 6 we will start to hear news of when and how schools can start to plan for September. We feel very sad for the students that this has been their experience of education this year, but we are confident that we will be able to make the future at Giles Academy for them a great one!

In addition, can I remind all parents that there will be no additional work set over the following week (Monday 25-Friday 29 May). We see this week as being a vital opportunity for catch up and time for a well-earned break for our great students, who have been working hard on completing work ... and for our fantastic parents who have worked so hard on home schooling our learners.

Finally, we would again like to thank all the staff for working so hard to ensure that work set is appropriate and there are the important feedback opportunities for students and we also give huge thanks to our wonderful parents for supporting all our learners so well from home. To work with young people is such a joy and a privilege, being a teacher is an amazing job and one that I have personally enjoyed every single day for a number of years. It may be that the experience of the last 8-9 weeks has convinced a few of our parents that a career in teaching is for them? If so, please contact the school and we can give you the best advice on how to explore this as a profession.

We hope that all our young people and our families are able to keep well and stay safe over the May half term break and I look forward to giving you a further weekly update at the start of Term 6.

Stay safe!



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