

12th May 2020

Dear Year 11 & 13 Students,

We hope you are well and that you and your families are keeping safe?

We wanted to write to let you know that we are thinking about you all every day, school is a very quiet place without our great students and I also wanted to update you on a couple of things.

Firstly, to let you know that we have had all of the Giles Academy Heads of Department and their teams busy working over the last few weeks on your behalf, to ensure that all final grades and the rank order of students looks correct for each subject. The leadership team have also been in school too working to review this information over recent days and I am pleased to say that this process is now nearly complete for Giles Academy students.

We have put a lot of hard work into this process to make sure that we get it right for you all and for the school's part of this process, I think it has been carried out in a very successful and professional manner. However, can I take this time to remind you all not to contact staff over any grades or the rank order. There is a strict embargo on this information and no results can be shared prior to the August results days, with the DFE being clear in pointing out that grades can be altered prior to publication following the national picture of final results being reviewed.

Secondly, following the Government update on Sunday 10 May and the announcement of the proposed lockdown exit strategy, although the 'road map' for this process looks as if it may be longer than some would want, we wanted to also take the time to reassure you that our commitment to you in not becoming the 'forgotten year group' stands.

As you may now be aware, the Proms have been provisionally rebooked for the next academic year - Term 1, but if this needs to change again we will relook and book to a more suitable time, when we can celebrate your achievements ... we are not sure exactly when this will be and what it will look like, but we are determined for you to have the opportunity for your day of celebration!

Although, due to this challenging situation we continue to find ourselves in, you will not be leaving the school in the normal way, please remember that you will always have the schools ongoing support for your future learning, so please email us with any questions you have regarding your next steps if you need any help and we will respond promptly.

Finally, we would like to say to you all, that for Giles Academy the Year 11 and 13 have been two fantastic cohorts of young people to work with!

We all feel extremely privileged to have been able to work with you all, you have all shown dedication and commitment to your studies, as well as an extremely mature attitude in the manner in which you have dealt with this situation ... we feel so very proud of you all!

As ever we will update you with any further news as we have it.

Stay safe ... stay positive ... and keep in touch!

Thinking of you all – with our best wishes,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature on the left is cursive and appears to read 'Katie Belcher'. The second signature on the right is also cursive and appears to read 'Juan Diaz'.

Katie Belcher & Juan Diaz
Deputy Headteacher Team