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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and hope you are managing the challenging times we are currently living in. As you know, information about the COVID-19 situation changes daily and it impacts our lives greatly. We have all had to adapt to new ways of working so I wanted to take the chance to say what an amazing job you are doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

Thank you to the students that have completed the student survey. If you have not yet completed this, please do so at your earliest convenience. As a result of this, we have been working with teachers to research the best ways to support home learning during this time. This letter outlines some important changes which will begin from Monday the 27th April.

Updated Home Learning Timetable

Home learning will follow a new timetable to ensure that you are being set a manageable amount of work to complete, and that parents can support us to ensure the work is completed every day:

Years 7 & 8

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1	English	Maths	English	Maths	Art
Lesson 2	Science	History	Science	Geography	Computer Science
Lesson 3	Drama /Dance	French	Technology	German	Life Skills
Lesson 4		Ethics	Music	PE	



Years 9 & 10

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1	English Lit	Maths	Science	English Lit	English Lang
Lesson 2	Maths	Science	English Lang	Maths	Science
Lesson 3	Option Block A Business Comp Sci French Geography History Music Food & Nut Media Tech - RM	Option Block B Art Business Food & Nut Geography Media PE RE Tech - RM Tech - Textiles	Option Block C Comp Sci French Geography History Hair & Beauty PE Tech - RM	Option Block D Art Business Comp Sci Food & Nut Geography History Hair & Beauty Tech - Textiles Drama	Option Block D
Lesson 4	PE	Option Block A	Option Block B	Option Block C	Life Skills

How can I help as a parent or carer?

Parents and carers can play a very important role in helping their children to work effectively from home. We suggest the following:

- Creating a clear routine for working each day. Login to Edulink every day to see what work has been set. Help them plan their day, building in breaks, lunchtime and some daily exercise.
- Talk to your children about the work they are completing each day. Here are some helpful questions:

-What is the first task you have been given today? Can you explain to me what the task is? Is there anything I can do to help?

-Would you like to share with me what you have worked on and learnt today? What are you most proud of? What is one thing you would like to return to later or tomorrow that you found challenging?

If you have any problems with Edulink, accessing or completing the work, or you need support with home learning, please contact your tutor. We will be developing our plan for learning from home and sharing more information as the weeks go on, so please look out for further communication.

We do understand that there may be significant challenges when working from home and that on some days it may not be possible to complete the work set; we are also aware that for some students the amount and level of work may seem overwhelming and cause them to become upset. This is entirely understandable, and we do not wish any student, parent or carer to be anxious about this. We only ask that all students do the best they can.

While we cannot say yet when we will be able to open the school fully, rest assured that we will continue doing our utmost to keep pupils learning and the school connected.

Yours sincerely

Mark Little

Principal

