

Dear Parents/Carers

We, from all of us at Queensbury, hope that you are well and are coping in this difficult time. Please continue to communicate with us if we can help in anyway.

We would like to help this communication by setting up a system for each tutor to 'touch base' with their tutees each week starting from Monday. This will be an opportunity for each child to feedback to their tutor about how they are generally getting on with their work and to share how their week has been. It will also mean we can meet our obligation in ensuring all children who go to Queensbury are safe and well and are being catered for. The system will mean that your child or children will need access to Microsoft Teams. This can be accessed on an app on your mobile or tablet or through office 365 on a PC. The log in details for your child will be the same as the one they use for school. Through this they can then directly message their tutor which they will be required to do once a week before Thursday 12pm. If you have any problem with setting this up then please email their tutor directly. If your child has two tutors then just one of them will need contacting. If a student does not message by 12pm on a Thursday then their tutor will give you a call.

If you are a key worker or have a vulnerable child and cannot keep your child safely at home then please complete the school attendance request form which can be accessed via the banner on our website. If you have any safeguarding concerns then please use the safeguarding button on our website - someone will then call you back.

Students seem to be accessing the work on our student portal however we are aware that for many households internet connection can be poor and there may be many in the family trying to access a small number of devices in the house to be able to get online. Some of the platforms we have advised have had a lot of people trying to access them which has meant they have not always been accessible. We do want students to be in a routine however please do not worry if this is challenging and that they only get some work done and not always 5 hours' worth. Packs of work can be sent if you contact the Academy. Please also encourage your child to exercise as this will support both their physical and mental health.

It is also a difficult and uncertain time for year 11 and 13 students. Staff will be providing some preparatory work to help those looking to do A levels next year and some other activities for students on different pathways. Our trust, Anthem, who we are part of, has written to year 11 and 13 students. This letter is attached.

Thank you for all of the kind messages given by parents towards the Academy. It really is nice to work in a community that does appreciate our CARE values.

Yours sincerely



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