



# ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE

Week Commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Dear Student/Parent/Guardian,

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, the college have been monitoring the situation daily and responding to the ever changing situation and we are now closed as per government guidelines. Therefore, we want to clarify our teaching and learning plans going forward – subject to change if required.

- 1) Teachers will be setting work and interacting with students in a number of different ways. This may mean online sessions being delivered, materials/activities set online, workbooks to complete, reports to write and sent back to teachers to assess and feedback to you.
- 2) Expectations of learning from home mean that we will be working with you to ensure you continue learning. Registers will be taken on a daily basis and course managers will monitor your interactions via Moodle and other means.
- 3) Work will be set from the Employability team and also for English and maths subjects.
- 4) For those who are in receipt of bursary/Free School Meals, payments will continue. However your online attendance/completion of work will be monitored and these payments will be reviewed if necessary.
- 5) We will communicate any details about exams as soon as we have clear directives from the Awarding Organisations.

What we heard from the Minister for Education and Skills, is that it is likely an element of Teacher Assessment will be used to award your qualifications – please help your teachers to be in the best possible position to push for the best possible result for you by connecting with them, talking to them and engaging in the learning they continue to provide.

So, whilst we wait for more news:

- Continue to log-in to the various online learning activities your teachers are providing.
- Continue with coursework and wider reading in your subject. For those of you progressing to higher levels of study, it's important that you don't lose the habit of study such that it becomes difficult for you to reconnect at a later date.
- Talk to each other using the systems we have put in place; you can be a valuable source of support in this period you're not regularly in College.

Importantly, we want you to do these things to ensure you stay well and mentally active in this period where we do not know how long you might be away from College. Details of how to keep yourself safe and well are available on Moodle and are regularly updated. If you have any questions, please ask your course manager in the first instance further information will be provided.

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