

24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Daily Update – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

We write to you on another unprecedented day in our history as the country has moved into a 'lockdown' status to limit the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Staff are working hard remotely to set work and engage with students where possible as we get used to a very different way of working and living.

We are committed to ensuring that students are able to learn and we hope the work being set is proving beneficial to them. Students are reminded that if they need help or guidance whilst learning at home, they are always welcome to email any of their subject teachers or form tutors who will be happy to help and advise.

**Ongoing Communication**

If you need to contact the Academy throughout this period of closure, we recommend doing so by email to [info@wmgacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@wmgacademy.org.uk). Telephone messages will still be routinely monitored, however you will receive a response far sooner via email communications.

**GCSE and A-Level Updates**

Additionally, over the last 48 hours, we have continued to receive various enquiries from students and parents regarding the cancellation of the summer exams. Whilst the Government have begun to release guidance on how grades will be awarded, we still do not have enough information from the awarding bodies in order to share with you how this process will work in its entirety. We know that this is a worrying and anxious time for both parents and students and we will continue to monitor the situation and update you accordingly.

**Free School Meals (FSM)**

Students currently in receipt of free school meals who will require this support throughout the closure should please let us know by emailing [finance@wmgacademy.org.uk](mailto:finance@wmgacademy.org.uk) and we will arrange to reimburse you directly with the daily allowance. Please include in your email the student name, bank sort code and account number. The Government are working on a national approach to provide support through the provision of supermarket vouchers.

In the meantime, please do all you can to keep yourselves, your families and your loved ones safe.

Yours faithfully,



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