

Dear parents,

I hope that you and your families are well and that you enjoyed a break from home learning over the half term holidays. I am sure that you, like everyone at the academy, are awaiting the announcements that are due to be made later today about the plans to bring us out of national lockdown. We are very keen to hear the plans in relation to schools reopening to more students, as well as the results of the Ofqual consultation regarding awarding grades to Year 11 and Year 13 students this summer. As soon as we have digested the announcements, we will be in touch.

Just a reminder that today is a training day. Whilst there is no expectation for students to be working today, if you want to keep them busy then as I mentioned in my last letter, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 can be engaging with the super curriculum on Frog. Years 10 and 11 can be looking at extra online resources such as HegartyMaths and tassomai for science, as well as other resources which can be found on our website: parents, guides, remote learning resources.

Coming soon on Frog is the 'bottle moments' project. Some of you may already be aware of this. The cartoonist Rob Murray has been asking a whole host of people what moments they are looking forward to when life returns to normal and then he has drawn their moments in a bottle and sent them a cartoon. He is now inviting people to create their own cartoons. Students can get involved in this project if they would like to. Additionally, at the academy we would love it if students sent their bottle moments to their art teacher.

Teams lessons will resume tomorrow and will follow this schedule:

Week beginning	Years 7, 8 and 9	Years 10,11, 12 and 13
22 February	Live lessons on Teams for maths, English and science (starting Tuesday 23 February) Work on Frog for all other subjects	Live lessons on Teams (starting Tuesday 23 February)
1 March	Work on Frog for maths, English and science Live lessons on Teams for all other subjects	

As students continue to be spend more time than usual online, it is essential that we try to keep them all as safe as possible. Middlesbrough Council have asked us to forward on the following information. The UK safer internet site hosts a devoted section especially for parents and carers of young children aimed and helping you be knowledgeable about keeping kids safe online, you can access it here <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>. Prevent is a safeguarding approach to prevent young people and vulnerable adults from being exploited into extremist activities, it seeks to safeguard the individual from the risks and help address and vulnerabilities that may be being exploited by others. If you are not sure of what the signs are which may indicate someone whom may be

at risk of radicalisation please visit the "spot the signs" web page accessible here <https://actearly.uk/spot-the-signs/what-to-look-for/>. If you have concerns and believe a young person or vulnerable adult is at risk of radicalisation please contact your local authority safeguarding team or alternatively contact Cleveland Police on 101 Remember sharing concerns is not criminalising a young person or vulnerable adult it's safeguarding them. As many of us all make use of our online community in our daily lives whether it is for social media, gaming or shopping we all have a part to play in keeping our online community safe. Therefore, if you see extremist content online having an awareness of how to report it is essential if you are to help police remove such material. You can report the link online via the governments CTIRU website link accessible here <https://www.gov.uk/report-terrorism>.

As ever, thank you for all of your continued support. I will be in touch again soon.

Your sincerely,
Mrs R Coning
(Head of School)