



## **Year 11**

Dear parent / carer

As you will now be aware, in response to the ongoing Covid-19 Coronavirus outbreak, the UK government has made the decision to close schools for the majority of students as of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Students and staff are understandably upset and unsettled by our current situation, however I would like to reassure you that we will do everything possible to continue to support your child going forward.

It has been announced that GCSE exams will not take place in May or June but, as yet, nobody is sure what this means with regards to how GCSE grades will be awarded. We are encouraging students to continue to work hard in order to prepare for the next phase of their education/training.

For students in year 11, work will be emailed to students by 9am each morning. Each day, every student will receive:

- 1 x hour of English, maths and science work
- ½ hour of work for each of their options subjects

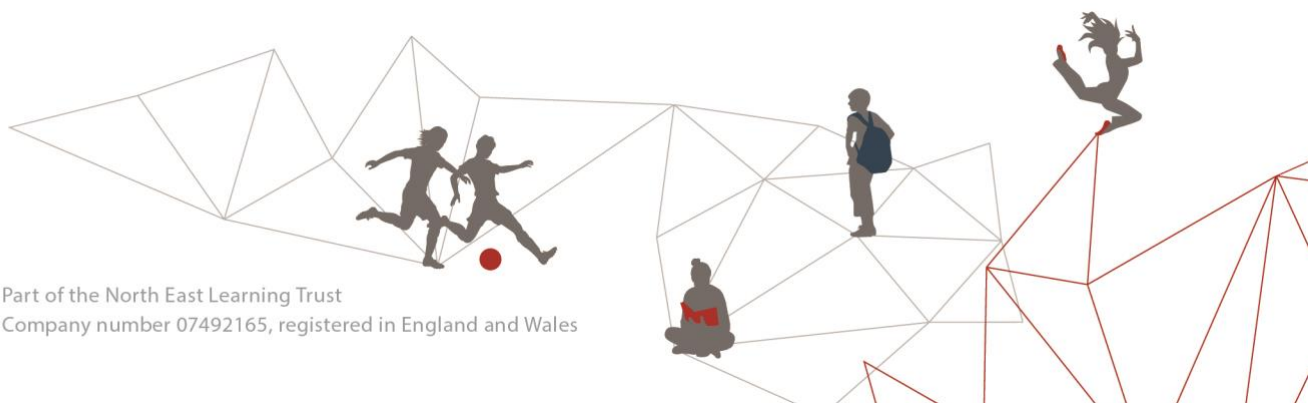
Your child will receive one email per subject each morning which we believe will prevent students from feeling overwhelmed and also support you as parents in helping to organise how and when this will be done. Students can choose the order in which tasks are completed but they should aim to complete all work by the end of each day. We would also encourage students to read for pleasure as often as possible.

Students have been told that they can contact class teachers during school time who will do their best to answer promptly. Please remember that some staff will still be in school caring for the children of key workers and may not be able to answer as promptly as others. Students have been instructed to use this line of communication sensibly and have been informed that ALL communication via school email is recorded. **Office 365 must be the only way students communicate with school staff.**

If you require IT support, please email [ict.support@easingtonacademy.co.uk](mailto:ict.support@easingtonacademy.co.uk)

If a student has a problem or a concern then they can email [student.support@easingtonacademy.uk](mailto:student.support@easingtonacademy.uk) and a member of the Senior Leadership Team will ensure that they are directed towards appropriate support.

We are committed to ensuring that students are able to continue their learning from home and we ask that as parents/carers you support us and your child with this. We suggest that you:



- Help your child to organise their learning at the start of each day
- Monitor that work is being completed
- Provide your child with a quiet working space and limit distractions (mobile phones etc.) while they work
- Encourage your child to form and stick to a routine which includes time for working, exercise/fresh air and communication with family and friends

If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to contact school.

When normality returns, the typical end of Year 11 celebrations will take place but at the present time, I am unable to provide more specific details about this.

What to do if your child is ill:

- If your child tests positive for Coronavirus, please contact school as soon as possible.
- Follow NHS guidance in relation to Coronavirus:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We understand this is a difficult and worrying time, and we aim to keep parents and students updated and informed regularly in relation to what is happening with school. Please check our website [www.easingtonacademy.co.uk](http://www.easingtonacademy.co.uk) and our Facebook page for further updates.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Hickman**

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