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Dear Parents / Guardians,

School Closure and access to learning resources for students

Over the course of the weekend the national state of play with COVID-19 has escalated. The Department for Education and Government line remains very clear that all schools nationally should remain open. As such, St Thomas More will, unless there is a serious localized issue or a national directive, remain open. Parents and Guardians are strongly advised to follow the most up-to-date information as issued by Public Health England.

In light of this and in the event of the school having to close we have taken adequate measures for all pupils to be able to continue with their studies at home. Staff will be setting tasks via the homework section on Firefly as normal and students can keep in touch with staff through this tool. Below is a brief outline on what is available for the various subjects:

Key Stage 4 - Years 10-11

Geography: Each Lesson is fully resourced and available on the subject area on Firefly and there are many resources in the revision sections

RE: Year 10: As we transfer to a new exam board, students will be given a paper copy of a booklet to work from, along with the relevant pages from the text book to help them complete these as we do not currently have digital text books for the new exam board. However, as the exam specifications are mandated, the content is incredibly similar, so students will be able to use the previous exam board's digital text book for additional support. In addition, lessons will be posted on to Firefly with tasks for students to complete. In addition, there are lots of revision resources, videos etc. that students can also watch to help them with their revision so we strongly encourage students to use all the resources available at www.kerboodle.com/users/login

Details of logging in can be found under the key stage four section of Firefly

RE: Year 11: We have now completed the GCSE course. Students will be given a paper copy of a work booklet for each component of the two papers they will be taking. These are also available on Firefly, in the key stage four section. All students have their own revision guide to help them complete these work booklets. In addition, they also have access to the on-line digital text book. In addition, there are lots of revision resources, videos etc. that students can also watch to help them with their revision so we strongly encourage students to use all the resources available.

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PE: GCSE PE – all of the information is in place on Firefly under the PE section. Lessons are on there, revision guides, links to websites it is all there to access.

ICT: You will find access to diagnostic results and RAG sheets to support learning as well as quizzes, coursework booklet and exam papers to support revision.

MFL: All learning resources including lesson PowerPoints, vocabulary lists, quizzes, tests and Youtube videos available on Firefly

Art: Students are working on practical projects, we will aim to best prepare students with materials should they need to take any home beforehand. Resources available on Firefly.

History: Year 10: Students have GCSE text book and should continue reading through the sections and complete the tasks to submit to your class teacher by email.

History: Year 11: Key Topic 4 – students have text books and exercise books, should continue reading through the topics and completing activities in book.

Drama: Information can be found on the edexcel website:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/drama-2016.html>.

Exam style questions will be uploaded to Firefly

DT: Textiles: Students should continue with current tasks they are covering in lessons and access information on Firefly

Design Technology: Please work through blue revision books

DT: Food: Students should access the challenge area and exam revision sections on Firefly

Maths: All lesson content and online resources are available on Firefly

English: All online resources and video links are available on Firefly

Science: All resources and lessons/tasks are available on Firefly, including links to additional resource websites

Polish: Students should continue with material already provided and available on Firefly

Business: All resources are available on Firefly with tasks that need to be completed

Music: Resources and tasks will be set and available on Firefly

A reminder of how to access Firefly can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely,



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