



St Francis of Assisi Catholic College

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Hope you are all well as we end this week. I know I updated on Monday but I thought I would just add a few pieces of information that we have.

Firefly and daily work

We continue to upload work on Firefly according to each student's timetable. This term we have started to do daily quizzes to ensure that students know what they have learnt. Students have the facility to email their teachers on Firefly and ask questions about work. We continue to monitor what work is being prepared and worked on and what we can do to ensure that we give our students the best chance we can do without being in school. Thank you to those parents who have completed our survey about work that is on firefly. It is advertised on our facebook page too and there is a link on the pop up on the website. If you have a chance to answer it over the weekend that will be much appreciated.

For years 11 and 13 there will be no more work set beyond the completion of the relevant exam courses. They will finish the content of the courses only.

Support for on line learning and safety on line.

The following links may be helpful in supporting you as you help your child/ren with their home learning and with on line safety. We know that there are potential risks all the time and it is really important that our young people are safe on line. Please use GCSEPod and BBC Bitesize too to support learning. Oak Academy have uploaded lots of resources this week; this has been in the news. They have been accessed by thousands of students nationwide.

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/departments-and-centres/centres/london-centre-leadership-learning/free-online-learning-resources>

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=46e6250b3e-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_07_04_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-46e6250b3e-64779453

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GCSE and A level

Ofqual have asked us to provide Centre Assessment Grades We have been given clear guidance as to what can be included in the Centre Assessed Grades we pass to exam boards. We have been told that we submit these to the exam boards and are not to discuss them with students or parents. Thank you for your understanding with this situation.

We have been told that the results days are as planned all along; so that is Thursday, 13th August for A level and Thursday, 20th August for GCSEs. As we know more about the current situation we will update as to the detail of these days.

Free School Meals.

If you find yourselves in a position where you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please use the following links.

Online application process available

- Parents can apply online if they want to and we welcome schools and academies

adding the web-link to their own parent information web pages at:

https://go.walsall.gov.uk/free_school_meals

- If you prefer to link directly to the FSM registration form rather than our webpage, please visit:

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/forms/Application-for-Free-School-Meals>

Laptops for Disadvantaged students in year 10

I have just received some information about this as I write to you. I will make sure you know if this is something your child is entitled too as soon as I know.

General Support and FAQs for this period of lockdown.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do#can-i-exercise-more-than-once-a-day-if-i-need-to-due-to-a-significant-health-condition>

<https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Supermarket-and-Community-Provision-for-the-Vulnerbale-in-Walsall-I.pdf>

<https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/WSP-Newsletter-Spring-2020-Final-pages-5.pdf>

<https://www.stfrancis.cc/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Useful-information-and-fun-activities.pdf>

Website- COVID 19 section

Please do look at our **COVID 19 section on our website** for useful information in these uncertain times. This is for our whole school community; students, parents and carers.



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Many thanks for your continued support in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

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