



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, in response to the ongoing Covid-19 coronavirus outbreak, the government has made the decision to close schools for an unconfirmed period of time from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

During this difficult and unprecedented time, we want to minimise disruption to students' education as far as reasonably possible. We are, therefore, providing students with work to complete at home and we expect students to follow their usual timetable. We will maintain this for as long as possible.

For **all students**, work will be uploaded by teachers onto Class Charts. We will do this for the subjects they would normally have on each given day. Students all have their individual login information for Class Charts - <https://www.classcharts.com/>.

Students will be set work for each lesson. They should read the information and instructions shared with them carefully.

Students in **Years 10** and **11** may well be directed to complete activities on GCSE Pod and Hegarty Maths. Again, this information will be shared via Class Charts. Again, students all have their individual log in information and can log in via <https://www.gcsepod.com/>.

Students in **Years 11** and **13** have also been provided with additional materials to support their learning. As you will know, the government have suspended all examinations and we will update you on how this will be managed as soon as we know.

Both **Year 12** and **13** students will be able to communicate with their teachers through Teams, which is part of Office 365.

For all students, we have provided a blank exercise book to ensure that they can complete work as neatly as they would in school.

Parents/carers – what you can do to support your child:

- provide a quiet space for your child to work in;
- make sure your child follows their timetable of subjects each day;
- encourage your child to complete all work to the best of their ability and as neatly as possible;
- ask your child about the work they are doing and help them where you can; a great way of doing this is by testing them on what they have learned.

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

We very much hope that you and your families will keep healthy and safe during this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

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