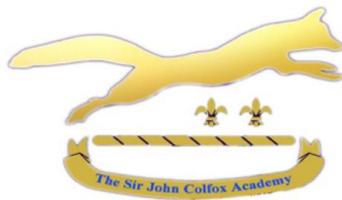


The Sir John Colfox Academy



Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence

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Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know some important information about progression to university and next steps.

Year 13

I am deeply saddened to be saying goodbye to Year 13 before they have had their chance to shine in the summer exams.

It is important that students understand the study they have undertaken over the past two years is valuable, enriching and relevant. School is about more than exams, and I hope students will be able to take the skills and knowledge they have gained during their time in the Sixth Form on to their next steps, whether this be in the world of work or in further education. I am proud of all of their achievements and wish them all the best.

Students should keep busy over the summer months by preparing extensively for their degree courses or considering a MOOC (Massive Online Open Course) in a subject of their choice (www.mooc.org).

The practicalities of how grades will be awarded has yet to be announced and I will send further information when this comes in. However, it is likely that coursework (where applicable) will become vital indicators of students' achievement and ability. As such, I urge all Year 13 students to work closely with their subject teachers to make sure their coursework outcomes are of the very highest standard. Deadlines for most pieces of coursework is the end of term – Friday 3rd April. Obviously, coursework will need to be submitted digitally or by post.

It may become necessary to produce examples of work to present to exam boards in order to justify our internal 'predicted' grades. In preparation for this, students should collate examples of their best pieces of work (not coursework) and be ready to send to school at short notice.

The deadline for responding to offers on UCAS remains in place. Year 13 students holding offers will need to accept firm and insurance offers by 15th May. Year 13 students should also be aware that student finance needs to be in place before this date.



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Year 12

Year 12 students should continue to study remotely. Work will be set and assessed by teachers and we expect students to engage with their learning in a mature, independent fashion in the coming weeks or months.

Work will be set through Class Charts (Beaminster); Teams and email (Colfox) and Moodle (Yeovil College students). It is vital that students pay attention to their school email accounts, including the 'groups' section of Microsoft Outlook.

Year 12 mock exams will now not take place in a formal setting at school. However, we will set a mock styled assessment for students to complete remotely. As always, these assessments will be marked and graded with feedback provided to students. However, these assessments will not be used to determine progress in to Year 13.

A productive use of time for Year 12 would be to make a strong start on coursework where required and researching and writing up Extended Project Qualifications where applicable. It is important to remain busy!

Yeovil College

Our partners at Yeovil College will stop face-to-face learning from Monday 23rd, moving to online tuition only via Moodle. Transport to and from Yeovil College is suspended until further notice.

General

Can I ask Year 13 students to return their textbooks at the earliest opportunity. Books can be left in reception or taken to the Library.

The UCAS trip for Year 12 (21st April) has been cancelled. Monies paid will be refunded. Year 12 students need to spend time over the next few months carefully considering their next steps. www.whatuni.com; www.theuniguide.co.uk and www.ucas.com are all essential websites.

The summer ball (planned for 18th June) is now cancelled. Should the situation improve between now and the start of the new university year 2020 – 2021 we will consider getting students together to celebrate.

Once again, thank you all for your understanding during this difficult time. I have been deeply impressed by the camaraderie, good humour and positivity shown by our students in the face of great uncertainty. They are a tribute to the wider community. Please take care of yourselves and I look forward to greeting you back at school in the near future.

I remain available to contact at any time should you have any queries or concerns:
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Yours sincerely,



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