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Dear Parents,

This is such an extraordinary end to a term: we would expect to be praying together at our end of term liturgies and enthusiastically preparing for a two week break from school routines. Instead, we are all trying to cope with very different circumstances.

Firstly, it is so important that we keep in mind the reason why the school is closed at the moment. We have to live out the new kindness of social distancing in our daily lives along with the more usual kindnesses in words and deeds. We need to be aware that there are members of the Coloma community who have experienced serious illness or bereavement within their families. At this stage the school is not sharing any details: that is for each family to do in the way they feel most appropriate. We will, however, offer the opportunity for prayers and condolences as we move forward.

A few key pieces of information may help to clarify some questions we have received.

- There will be no work set over the Easter holiday (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April). Please encourage your daughter to use this time in the way that best boosts her well-being: family time, films, games, quizzes, reading, exercise, prayer.
- After the holidays work will again be set for all years:
  - Years 7-10 & 12 Work will continue in the same format throughout the closure.
  - Years 11 & 13 Work will continue in the same format until Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Students would have been in lessons until that date and continuing the good habit of regular study is important.
  - Year 11 The Sixth Form Transition Work, usually made available on our June Induction Day, will be made available from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May in each subject. You will receive information next term about how to access this work. Students in Y11 should also be alert to communications from Miss Dulley because we would like to mark this transition even though they cannot be together in school.
- Teachers are aware that it will not be possible for all students to access or complete all work. Please try and encourage your daughter not to worry if this happens: there will be many reasons for this including illness, family circumstances, sharing internet enabled devices etc. There is no single piece of prescriptive advice that will fit all situations. Remember that you as parents will know your daughter best: reassure your daughter that it is fine to stop if you feel that she has worked for too long; similarly, if you feel your daughter would benefit from doing more then ask her to show you what has been set and what she has done.





## Survey Responses

A huge 'thank-you' to everyone who took the time to fill in the survey last week. You will find another attachment that shows the feedback we received and which also answers some of the most frequently asked questions if they have not been covered in the points above.

## Communication during the Easter Break

Please be aware that, just as during any holiday period, the Key Stage Coordinators and teaching staff will not be available to answer communications. It is very important that they have time to be with their own families; time to re-charge; time to recover if they have been ill. Preparations for next term will also need to be made. The website has details, under the Covid-19 Updates tab, of how to contact the school should there be an emergency safeguarding concern.

Remember that there are also new pages under the 'Covid-19 updates' tab on the website from which you can access relevant information at this time, and the Twitter feed on the home page will be updated regularly.

## Celebrating Easter

It seems strange at this time to think of celebration in any context. Our faith, however, will provide us with both consolation and celebration. All that we are required to do is to spend time with God in whatever way we can. The Archdiocese of Southwark has made details available of all parishes that livestream Mass [here](#).

I hope that the celebration of Passion Week and Easter may help to bring you comfort, clarity and light.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all,

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