



THE KING'S SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is staying healthy and coping well. Unfortunately, the government's more detailed guidance for secondary schools has not been released at the time of writing this letter. Once we have received the guidance, we will be able to share with the parents of Year 10 and 12 the process for the face to face meetings with students.

As the Bank Holiday and half term approaches, I hope that we can all benefit from the valuable time made available in these unusual circumstances.

Year 9

After half term Year 9 students will no longer be required to work on lessons in subjects that they will not be continuing to GCSE. We hope that this will alleviate any pressure that some of the boys may be experiencing. Mr Dixon has consulted with parents and students if there were any complications with the options. If you haven't been contacted by Mr Dixon please be reassured that your son has been awarded his GCSE option choices.

Mental health and well being

It is mental health awareness week in the UK, with the theme of showing kindness not only to others, but also to ourselves. The Mental Health Foundation confirms that kindness and mental health are deeply connected. This week on FROG we're sharing their resources which will provide some of you with the inspiration to make someone else's day a bit happier, and hopefully result in you feeling happier too.

Don't forget if you need some support from school for your child or yourself, please contact Mr Dixon (Justin.Dixon@kings.lincs.sch.uk) in the first instance and we can direct you to the right place.

Music

I'm delighted to share with you some compositions that Mr Cook has been working on with Key Stage 3 students as part of their online music lessons. Year 7 students were given the task of creating a sound track to portray a new Marvel comic character called 'Kinetikor'. The character has the power to move objects with his mind and was conceived by James Diamond. Alfred Smith's ideas were chosen as the main musical motifs throughout the composition.

Year 8 created a ternary form composition to depict lockdown and the music creates images of quiet streets and the heroic actions of Key Workers. William Green created some fantastic ideas and these permeate the composition evoking wonderfully vivid images.

And finally, Year 9 helped compose a very short theme for a Play Station game called 'Pirate Adventure'. James Pritchard created some lively and energetic ideas for this composition.

All of the students throughout Key Stage 3 Music lessons have been truly amazing this term and I'm sure you will all enjoy listening to their work.

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Online Safety

ThinkUKnow has created a page to support parents and young people online. The site includes home activity packs with simple 15 minute activities to support children's understanding of online safety. There is also a parent support section for primary and secondary age children. Further information can be found at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets>

Fundraising

I am delighted to be able to share a fantastic fundraising effort from Rory Mapletoft from Year 12. Rory is busily running 100 miles in May to raise money for the Trussell Trust. His fundraising efforts will help local food banks to support local families who have been hit hard by the Coronavirus COVID-19. Rory has already raised an impressive £490 and please use the following link if you would like to support this worthy cause <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rory-100-mile-trussell-trust>.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Master