

Newsflash

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Dear scholars

When we closed the academy to our whole family of DAA staff and scholars none of us were sure what the future return date would be or how our lives were about to change.

We now know that there will be no opportunity for us to all return together until at least after the summer break.

Children of key workers continue to attend our hub provision and have made a real bond together sharing experiences. School is very different for you. I am really proud of how well you have worked together and helped each other, all ages coming together.

I am sure you will have heard in the media, government want schools including ours to reopen for students in Reception, Year 1, Year 6, Year 10 and Year 12. There are very strict conditions and guidelines for opening to these year groups and staff have been working really hard in very difficult conditions to ensure everyone will be safe when returning. There are limited numbers of year 10 and year 12 scholars permitted on site each day and obviously we cannot provide a 'normal timetable'. We are ready and excited to welcome scholars in these year groups back from Monday. Whilst our curriculum offer is different we look forward to seeing you and helping you reflect on work throughout the lockdown period, helping you to plan out learning for the next few weeks.

For the rest of you, home learning will continue for the remainder of this cycle. Staff are working hard to provide work they know you will enjoy and that will help you make progress during your time at home. Please make sure you log on and complete the work set. The routine of learning will also help many of you through this difficult period. If any of you are having problems accessing google classrooms please check the academy website for help. Remember if you are still struggling Mr Rauf will always help you if you drop him an email.

To our year 11 and 13 scholars I commend you for your hard work and patience. These are difficult times as you await your results. Year 11 scholars please complete bridging work, we are here for you should you need us. It is really important you continue to study and complete work set. This will help you in the next stages of your learning. Year 13 you are coming to the end of your journey with DAA (for now). Again please continue with undergraduate reading, trust me this will help you going forward.

For all of you I want you to stay safe and stay alert. Many of us will have been affected in many ways during this very testing time. I want you all to look after yourselves and your families. Please adhere to guidance and live our academy value of responsibility.

I miss the hustle and bustle of DAA, the voices, the laughter, the smiles and the frowns.

I look forward to when we are all together again. In the meantime live the very best version of yourself every day and take care.

Yours sincerely



C Skelding
Executive Principal

