



Bluecoat Beechdale  
Academy

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Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing to update you on our provision at BBA in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and subsequent government guidance.

As a Trust of 4 secondary schools and one primary school, we have tried to strike the correct balance between remaining open to the **children of key workers and vulnerable children only**, whilst following government guidance wherever possible around reducing risks to staff and students alike and establishing 'hubs' for educational provision. Therefore, we closed BBA last week to enable it to be deep cleaned, but children who require it are still welcome to attend our Trust secondary provision, which is based at the Bluecoat Primary Academy (at the top of Harvey Road).

As you will be aware, over the last two weeks, students should have been completing work based around their Knowledge Organisers. Students will be receiving their Summer Term 1 Knowledge Organiser through the post and should follow the timetable as usual after Easter. Students will also be receiving an email on Sunday evenings, on their school email, with the weekly work that their teachers have set them in addition to this. This may direct them to paper resources they will already have, such as revision guides and workbooks, but may also include project-based tasks to enrich their experience of the curriculum they have been following, online resources or lessons on 'Google Classroom'. If students have queries about the work, they should email their teachers or submit the work they produce on Google Classroom.

As I am sure you appreciate, it is important that we keep students motivated to learn and ensure they have a smooth transition back into education when the schools reopen. There are lots of helpful resources and recommended websites on the school homepage that students can choose to access further to the work that is set; this can be found under the 'Working from Home' tab. Please be mindful that students are about to begin the Easter holidays, and I would fully expect them to be taking time to relax and enjoy some time without the expectations of completing school work.

Parents of Y11 students should expect to receive a letter from me early next week containing your child's mock exam results, along with information about how the government will be calculating GCSE grades this summer. This information will be with you next week.

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All school trips and events for the remainder of this academic year have been cancelled or are on hold. Please bear with us as we work with our insurers to decide the best way forward; each trip has different conditions attached and as soon as we have the necessary information from them, we will be in contact with you.

Those families who receive free school meals should have received vouchers for Asda. Following the Easter holidays, we will update you on the new scheme and how vouchers will be provided going forwards.

Thank you for your ongoing support and flexibility during such a stressful and uncertain time. I hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well, and that you are able to make the most of the Easter break. I very much look forward to seeing you all when school re-opens.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs S Bailey  
Principal