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Dear Student

You will have heard the news yesterday that schools will be closing from Monday. Whilst we will be open for some students, the majority of you will not be expected to come into school. You still need to study from home, though.

We will be providing you with a timetable for the week to help you manage your school work at home. In year 8, the tasks that are set by your teachers should each take approximately take 30 minutes.

Year 8	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	English	English	PSHE	English	English
	Science	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
	History	Languages	Science	Geography	Science
	REP	PE	Music	PE	Languages
	Art	Digital Media	Enrichment	Drama	Food/DT

You will be able to access a wide variety of online learning and activities. Your teachers will share resources via Google Classroom but we also encourage you to also independently access the online learning and quizzing platforms such as:

- Hegarty Maths
- Seneca
- Quizlet
- Educake
- BBC Bitesize
- BrainPOP
- Tynker
- Khan Academy

If you have a problem with passwords, Dr Murray has emailed you about how to reset your password. Please check your Gmail account.

As a community, we value the importance and impact of reading and so encourage you to continue to read every day for at least 20 minutes. You have been given a reading book to take home with you.

If you have any questions about how you access work, please contact Mr Hurran via email (p.hurran@osb.school) and Miss Richards (k.richards@osb.school).



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If you have specific questions about the work in one of your subjects, please contact your teacher and the Head of Faculty via email. A list of teacher emails can be found attached to this letter. You can also contact your teacher via your class google classroom page.

It is really important for you to have a routine when the school is closed. Here are some tips to help you create a routine:

- Get up and go to bed at the same time each day
- Start your studying by 9am each day – this will give you a routine during the week
- Have your breakfast, lunch and dinner at the same time each day
- Have a space in your home to work independently.
- Enjoy your down time, for example on games consoles at the same time each week day.
- Take a little bit of responsibility at home. For example, help to look after your pet or volunteer to wash up!
- Do some exercise daily. There are some great videos online that will support you with this and we will also include some ideas for this in the information that we send out to you.
- Watch and read around the subjects you study, for example, try watching educational documentaries such as wildlife programmes.
- Try cooking some healthy food as a family.
- Learn a new skill, you could learn to juggle, crack a Rubik's Cube or even learn a new language!
- Use YouTube tutorials to help you learn new techniques in Art.

At any point, if you feel anxious or worried, please do email your Head of Year or Pastoral Manager who may be able to suggest some steps to help you.

You need to be aware that the coronavirus will only go away when we practise **social distancing. You may not feel ill, but you can still spread the virus to others. Please don't be a carrier!** This means avoiding large gatherings with friends and therefore being careful about how many friends you meet at once and trying to do so in an open space such as the park. Remember you can always talk to each other on the phone. Remember to use social media productively and be kind online. If you have any concerns about contact that has occurred with other students or with adults, you can always speak to a Pastoral Manager.

Yours sincerely

Orchard School Staff