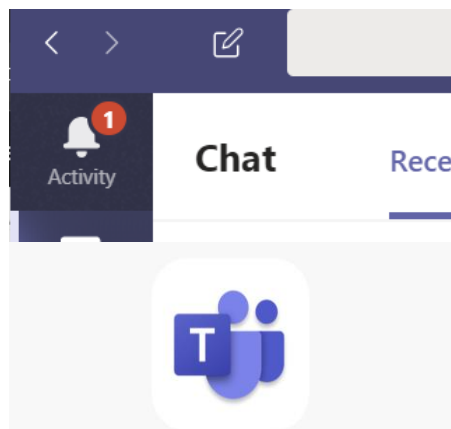


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GOOD AFTERNOON YEAR 12

I would like to start by saying 'well done' for the responsibility you are continuing to demonstrate by keeping up to date with the assignments on Teams. Also, to those students who have put a huge amount of work in over the last few weeks to complete their EPQ. I am really pleased a number of students including Luke Hogan, James Hills and Sophie Jones have secured places on summer schools (virtual). It continues to be a very strange time; we are currently reviewing our on-line learning via teams to ensure that Year 12 receive some dedicated 'face to face' experience next month. We are waiting for secondary schools' guidance on reopening of schools from the DfE. You and your parents will continue to receive updates from the school on the provision and plan for Year 12 students during the next half term.



HALF TERM

Monday 25 to Friday May 29 May is half term therefore your teachers will not be setting any new assignments on Teams. You will not receive any homework during half term to give you a much deserved break. However, you could use the time to make a list of any outstanding work that you need to complete. I would also recommend spending some time researching your future options on unifrog. If you need any help with accessing unifrog, please contact your Form Tutor.



TEAMS

Teachers have given us lots of positive feedback on the work you are completing on teams, I have seen lots of examples of excellent work produced in many A Level and BTEC subjects and your teachers really appreciate the time and effort that you are putting into your work. If you need support with any of your work on Teams, it is vital that you contact your teacher using the chat function on Teams. Teachers will continue to contact us if they have concerns over missing assignments and we will then contact you and your parents to offer support. If you are having any technical problems, please email IT support on studentIThelp@rossettschool.co.uk.



Examinations

AS Levels

Ofqual have confirmed that Year 12 students who are currently studying a fourth A level and had indicated they wanted to be entered for an AS exam will be predicted an exam grade by their teachers based on all the classwork and assessment evidenced throughout the year. Students who were studying the Core Maths qualification will also receive a predicted grade from their teachers.

BTEC Courses

Year 12 students currently studying a BTEC qualification will receive a predicted grade from their teachers for any of the Year 12 coursework units not completed due to the lockdown. This grade will be based on classwork and assessment evidenced throughout the year. The exam board will generate a grade for your Year 12 exam unit based on all the units completed. Teachers will be starting the Year 13 work with you via Teams.

Results

Results for the above qualifications will be released on A Level results day, 20 August. Ofqual have also said that **teachers must not discuss** any predicted grades with students or parents.

Mock Exams

Year 12 Mock exams were scheduled to take place from the 10th to the 12th June, although mock exams are a really important part of your education we will not be holding formal mock exams on these dates. We are currently reviewing how best to assess your progress this year.



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Strategy Early focus on university considerations to develop and develop an opportunity to find the best one.	Tasks Students can set themselves challenges before their next task, which allows them to identify their own strengths and weaknesses and get help to achieve their goals.	Target Clear plan to track every student's progress, from their own goals to the university and college they want to go to.
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Destinations 2021

In relation to future destinations, as I mentioned in my previous communication, it is a good time to start some of your own independent research on potential destinations after Sixth Form. I know several students have secured places on virtual summer schools in a range of subject areas.

More and more universities are launching virtual open days and taster sessions and it is important that you conduct research into the courses you are interested in pursuing after Sixth Form.

Here is a link to UCAS upcoming university taster courses www.ucas.com/events/exploring-university/learn-about-uni-taster-course

Mental Health

It is important that you look after your mental health during this difficult time. I recommend that you try and **keep to a routine in relation to sleep and get some exercise every day**. We are available to support you, but there is also lots of valuable support which you can access online via the following websites:

Kooth – a free, online counselling service available
www.kooth.com

Young minds – www.youngminds.org.uk

Work Experience

Year 12 students were due to go on work experience during week beginning Monday 22 June for one week. I know many of you have been successful in securing a wide range of interesting placements to gain valuable experience on potential future careers. However, in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis we have decided to cancel Year 12 work experience this year. This decision has been made taking into consideration that several employers have contacted the school to cancel placements. The likelihood is, as we get nearer to the date, more employers will follow suit as they focus on protecting their work environment for their existing workforce.

EPQ

Well done for completing your EPQ, Ms. Chaplin has been really impressed that you have all submitted your final projects, production logs and final presentations. We have contacted the exam board to get an update on the expectations in relation to presenting your final projects and are waiting for feedback. Please contact Ms. Chaplin if you have any queries about your EPQ project vchaplin@rossettschool.co.uk.

Finally

I hope you have a restful half-term break and manage to get some exercise and relaxation. Please contact us on Teams 'chat' or by email if you are having any difficulties with work or need any support with mental wellbeing, destinations or just to have a chat.



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