



# COVID-19 Update





Dear Parents,

These are very challenging times and Kingsdown is only ever an email away –  
[head@kingsdownschool.co.uk](mailto:head@kingsdownschool.co.uk)

Do get in touch if you need anything at any time. For now – take great care of you and your family. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

With very best wishes

Mrs Leigh-Bennett

# Cohort 2020



Today we say a very farewell to our Cohort of 2020. A lot is planned today to make this day a special one.

We wish them all the very best in this next period.

From everyone at Kingsdown.

## Learning at Home: Y7-10



- All students must access SMHW on a daily basis. This is where all tasks for the day will be set.
- All students will receive weekly tasks set by the Head of Department for each subject.
- These tasks will be made available on the day that homework is normally set.
- The learning tasks will encourage students to revise previous learning, research and read.



## Learning at Home: Y7-10

- The tasks will last no more than 2 hours and can be completed in 4 different learning sessions. They do not have to be completed all at once.
- Students will be given a range of activities to ensure that they are not always working at a computer.
- Students will not need to print any resources
- There will be no homework set in addition to the tasks.

# Supporting Successful Learning at Home



- Set up a manageable daily timetable for subjects.
- Check SMHW daily and make a note of the tasks you need to complete.
- Do not be over ambitious on what you can achieve.
- If possible, work in a calm and de-cluttered space.
- Avoid using social media during 'lesson' time.
- Build in 'you' time to reward the work completed.



## Learning at Home: Y11

- For student well-being, it is advised that students continue to access SMHW on a regular basis and engage with tasks set by teachers.
- Heads of Department will be uploading appropriate materials to support the next stages of Cohort 2020's journey.
- Students at risk of not achieving a grade 4 or 5 in Maths or English will be asked to re-take next year. For this reason, English and Maths tasks will be provided to support continued learning.

# Safeguarding- Keeping your child safe

Safeguarding continues to be our number 1 priority and this will not change over this next period. We want to make sure that you have the right information to ensure that your children are safe and should there be an issue or worry you are able to access the right advice and information at the right time. Below are some useful headlines for you:

## Mental Health

Some children may have existing mental health concerns or may become very anxious during this period. STEM4 is a fantastic website that provides help and guidance for parents and children.

<https://stem4.org.uk/>

## Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team will continue to work during this period and will be contable via the school website via SHARPs or on [cp@kingsdownschool.co.uk](mailto:cp@kingsdownschool.co.uk) . Alternatively Swindon Borough council have a variety of services available, these can be found via the Local Offer website : <https://localoffer.swindon.gov.uk/home>

## Bereavement

During these unprecedented times there may be a need for support with coping with bereavement, there are a number of local charities who are able to support. They are:

<http://www.treehousewiltshire.org.uk/>

<https://www.winstonswish.org/>

**Students will receive weekly safeguarding updates via Show My Homework**

# Useful links for advice



## NHS Website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

## • NHS 111 Online:

<https://111.nhs.uk>

## • NHS Coronavirus Service:

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

## • NHS Advice for travellers: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-travellers/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-travellers/)

## • PHE:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

## Where can I get further advice?

• You can contact Ms Magenty [smagenty@kingsdownschool.co.uk](mailto:smagenty@kingsdownschool.co.uk)

or Mrs Brown [hbrown@kingsdownschool.co.uk](mailto:hbrown@kingsdownschool.co.uk)