

26th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Daily Update – 26th March 2020

We are pleased that the situation regarding school closures is now beginning to stabilise as parents, teachers and students are becoming accustomed to this new way of working. With very few national developments since our most recent communication, we thought we would take this opportunity to signpost you to some other resources available online.

As per our previous letters, all students have been set work to complete on Google Classroom which teaching staff will continue to monitor and feedback on. The websites below do not replace the resources shared by teaching staff but are designed to consolidate and enhance learning. More information about the WMG Academy curriculum can be found online by clicking here.

University of Warwick Knowledge Centre

Available online by clicking <u>here</u>, the Knowledge Centre is full of interesting articles, videos and podcasts on all sorts of topics. Why not check out the following articles?

- Engineering Scanning for the Truth
- Maths Equations that Changed The World
- Science What Would Happen if the Sun Exploded?
- English How a French Ghost Story Influenced Dickens

BBC GCSE Bitesize

Full of excellent revision notes, videos and games to help consolidate learning, BBC Bitesize is great place to start revision of specific topic across nearly every subject. Available online by clicking <u>here</u>.

TED-Ed

Available on YouTube by clicking <u>here</u>, TED-Ed is a playlist of short videos perfect for all abilities on nearly every topic across the curriculum. Made by the experts behind TED Talks, you can be sure these videos will be engaging and informative.

RSC Learning Zone

The Royal Shakespeare Company's online Leaning Zone is available <u>here</u>. They have vast resources on Romeo and Juliet and other texts being studied for GCSE English. Arts lovers can also stream plays from the RSC online, with more information available <u>here</u>. West End shows can also be streamed online by clicking <u>here</u>.

Online Safety

As students are now spending more time on computers and internet enabled devices to access online learning, we want to remind parents to be vigilant in ensuring their child is safe online. We would always advise that the internet be used in a communal area within the house so parents can monitor

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the online activity of their children. More advice and guidance about online safety can be found on the NSPCC website by clicking <u>here</u>.

Ongoing Communication

Please be reminded that if you need to contact the Academy throughout this period of closure, we recommend doing so by email to <u>solihull.info@wmgacademy.org.uk</u>. Telephone messages will still be routinely monitored, however you will receive a response far sooner via email communications.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything further we can do to support you or your family.

Yours faithfully,

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