

March 24, 2020

Hi year 12,

I hope that you are all doing well and staying safe. Just a little update from me, I'll be sending emails every fortnight or so to keep in touch, check in on you and to let you know what is happening at school.

Attached is a document from the school to help you through this time of confusion and worry.

Academic

You should be accessing Show My Homework for work for you to complete, this goes for A-levels, Engineering and Computing pathways.

It is important that you get yourself organised and ensure you keep on top of your studies. Your teachers will be putting in the work to ensure you can continue with your courses. It is equally important that you do too.

- Get a copy of the scheme of work for each of your subjects (from the internet or books).
- What do you need to catch up on? Coursework/topic revision
- Next year (whenever it starts) will be the start of year 13, not continuing from where we left in year 12. We want you to make the most of this troubling situation and ensure we all work together in helping you succeed.

Adapt... not like Darwin, it's an app on Android (and maybe Apple) to aid revising and studying. Please download it and have a play with it. It includes most A levels and the level 3 Engineering course. Its used for you to have an idea on what you could study/revise for each day. You can add your own plan or use the ones they suggest based on how much you want to study, etc. It's free so download it and have a look, nothing to lose

Career Team

The HE scheme will be sending a fortnightly bulletin for you guys on all things HE. In addition Mrs Walton (careers adviser) has sent me the link for some FREE online short course ideas for those of you planning on going to university.

Prepare for Career Success at University (Goldsmiths)

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/career-success>

Preparing for University (UEA)

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/preparing-for-uni>

There are also lots of short courses within their Study Skills subject area that may be of interest or pertinent -

https://www.futurelearn.com/courses?filter_category=21&filter_course_type=open&filter_availability=started&all_courses=1

Speaking of University, **IF** you are considering going you will at some point need to write a Personal statement. **PARTICULARLY** if you are considering studying Medicine or want to apply to Cambridge or Oxford, you **MUST** get a first draft (or second) written over the Summer Holiday period. Email me if you need any advice, this will be discussed and mentioned further down the line.

Welfare and Mental Health

Make sure you guys are getting fresh air and going outside, but maintaining your social distancing. It is important to continue studying but equally important to maintain your mental health. Keep in contact with your friends, via video if possible, be positive to each other don't talk just about all the negatives. Be helpful at home, even your local community. I've joined a Facebook group for my local area to offer help and support to those self isolating, offering to shop for them, chat over the phone or at a distance. This is the time when we all need to work as a unit.

Me

I have been staying in the garden and inside, in our house we have not had the tv on until after dinner. We have been occupying ourselves playing board games, reading books, Facetiming friends and family. Today as a school we came in and had meetings discussing the various areas we vitally need to work through, all while maintaining our social distancing. Tonight I am going home via the shops to pick up some bread, milk and eggs for a lady down my road who is self isolating (see above).

Look after yourself and your families and feel free to email me, hope to see you all

when all this has passed.

Stay safe
James Everett
Year 12 Lead

Social Media

Please follow us on Twitter @utcnorfolk for quick information about the whole school and @UTCNKS4 for Key Stage 4 information.

Also, follow us on Instagram @utc_norfolk for UTCN updates.

Dates for your Diary

Please look on the UTCN webpage for the Parents Calendar which is updated regularly.
<https://utcn.org.uk/calendar>

April 6 to 17 - Easter Holidays
May 8 - Bank Holiday
May 25 to 29 - Half Term

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