



St Andrew the Apostle

Greek Orthodox School

Dear Parents, Carers and Students of St Andrew the Apostle,

Further to the government announcement this evening, I write to inform you that students in **Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 should remain at home from tomorrow, Thursday 19 March 2020, until otherwise instructed to return.**

Students in Year 11 and the Sixth Form will be expected in school as normal unless of course there is a need to self-isolate. For Year 11, this will be an opportunity to complete all NEA coursework which the school views as vital at this time. Other Year 11 students are expecting in as well so that they can receive feedback on their recent mock examination and this may help them with their 6th form applications.

In line with all our communication on this issue, our plan is to support all students who are asked to stay at home as best as possible. As part of this plan, we aim to:

- Support our students in terms of their academic provision and progress
- Support our parents/carers in supporting their child's independent learning

The school has made plans to ensure the very large majority of the curriculum continues to be planned and delivered digitally both as a partial closure and should we have to close entirely.

Subjects will:

1. Set independently designed lessons to be completed as per you child's timetable
2. Set all work through Show My Homework, with each lesson set as a task. Each subject/year group will have a 'School Closure Work' page, which will list these tasks chronologically.
3. All staff will continue to update these pages and set tasks for as long as any closure continues.
4. Set tasks that allow students to submit work back to their teachers.
5. In addition I would like to point students and parents to generic and specific resources via the following link:
<https://www.standrewtheapostle.org.uk/self-isolation-work.php>

Show My Homework Access

Students

Checks have been made to ensure every student in the school has their correct log in details to access Show My Homework

Parents

In the autumn term, the school sent out details to each parent identifying their own parental username/password as well as that of their child. We will re-send these details to any parents and students who have not used this platform previously

If you or your child has any issues regarding the use of Show My Homework, please send your query to:
G.Christou@standrewtheapostle.org.uk



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The government have not yet issued clear or definitive advice to schools on GCSE examinations other than to say that these will not be going ahead but please be assured that we will keep you updated as and when advice emerges.

Similarly, we do not yet have information on plans for families in receipt of free school meals during the school closure period, but we will keep these families updated if and when plans are communicated.

We are conscious that some families will be wanting updates on refunds arising from cancelled clubs and trips and the finance team will be in contact on these in due course.

During the period of school closure our phone lines will not be manned. Parents can contact the school via the following email addresses:

- admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk all general enquiries

Email accounts will be monitored as usual during the closure period and parents and carers can expect responses to communications within usual timeframes.

Further to the government's announcement today, we will keep you informed about which students the school will need to remain open to accommodate.

We will be doing our very best to support you with your learning while the school is closed. Please be reassured that teachers are certainly not viewing this as a "holiday". We are at work whether the school is open or not and we will be setting you work carefully to progress your learning. Students in Year 11 will receive regular detailed feedback on their work and we hope to roll out feedback to other year groups too if the closure is lengthy.

Thank you for working with us during this challenging time – we are very proud to call you our students and proud to serve the families in our school community.

Best wishes,

Mr. M. Vassiliou

Headteacher – Acting

And finally...

"The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Psalm 18:2