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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are conscious that this is a strange time for our students, families and staff. Teachers will continue to set activities for students via the Showmyhomework (SMHW) wherever possible. Students were given a reminder of log in details this week and the information also went to you.

If you have any concerns regarding accessing resources via SMHW or having difficulties, please let us know via admin@wigstonacademy.org and we will get back to you as soon as we are able to.

Attached to this letter, you will find a range of useful contacts for support for students and families as well as educational platforms, appropriate to their Key Stage. Some of these will be familiar to students; for example My Maths and others are useful for additional activities that are educational and will help to occupy students whilst they are at home.

Key Stage 3 students will be given an exercise book before they leave school to complete their activities in, if they do not have subject books at home.

Year 11 students who have applied to Wigston College to study A Levels or other A Level providers will have access to the transition packs for the subjects they have chosen to study, so they can begin to develop their skills for their next steps. The packs can be accessed on the Wigston College website: www.wigstoncollege.org using the links tab. Students going elsewhere should receive transition packs from their new provider, but any Year 11 student is welcome to use these packs.

Year 12 and 13 students can extend their learning by studying modules in preparation for university and degree level apprenticeships or choosing to learn something new using educational platforms as per the guide attached.

I hope that this will be useful during the closure period.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Ailie Pollon

Deputy Headteacher.



Being a successful GCSE / Level 2 student: Useful Websites and stuff....

General support for teenagers including well being

- www.projecteducation.co.uk/gcse offers links to GCSE chat forums.
- www.bbc.co.uk & www.childline.org.uk/explore/Pages/Explore.aspx
- www.youthaccess.org.uk/
- Chat Health Texting Service: Leicester City: 07520 61538 and Leicestershire & Rutland: 07520 615387
- www.healthforteens.co.uk
- <https://www.kooth.com/> online counselling service

General parent support

- www.parentlineplus.org.uk confidential helpline for parents on 0808 800 2222
- www.projecteducation.co.uk

Exam boards

- www.aqa.org.uk the Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA)
- www.edexcel.org.uk Edexcel
- www.ocr.org.uk Oxford, Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR)
- <https://www.eduqas.co.uk/>

Coursework and revision

- Secure area in Key Stage 4 revision and support section on the academy website for access to PiXL for revision materials for each subject – password: #Wigston2018
- www.coursework.info
- www.sparknotes.com
- www.gcseguide.co.uk – Use the ‘bookshop’ option to see what revision guides are available in each subject area.
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize
- www.gcse.com
- www.senecallearning.com - most subjects use this revision platform.

Careers

- <http://careers-enterprise.wigstonmat.org/> Wigston Academy careers page – with up to date careers advice and guidance, including volunteering opportunities, apprenticeship vacancies and links to the local labour market in Leicester and Leicestershire
- <https://www.startprofile.com/> All students use the START website as part of their PSHCE lessons, looking at a range of careers and how their skills and qualities link to a wide range of employment opportunities.
- <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>
- www.icould.com - Career advice, HE choices
- www.apprenticeships.org.uk & <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch> - National Apprenticeship Services
- www.futuremorph.org - STEM careers
- www.targetjobs.co.uk - Careers info – construction, accountancy, banking, law, engineering, environment, media . . . etc.
- <https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/> can help with students who are looking to start a business from 16-24 years and other general careers based work.

Subjects:

Information for all GCSE/Level 2 subjects can be found on the Wigston Academy Website in the student area in the Key Stage 4 Revision and Support Area, in addition these are excellent resources that can be accessed for free and staff may use links for these via SMHW.

GCSE Bitesize also has appropriate materials for all curriculum subjects for Year 10 and 11 and a range of activities to complete.

British Council

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find> - Resources for English language learning

Science:

Gojimo (app download)

Temple GCSE (aap download)

GCSE 9-1 (app download)

GCSE Science Watch and Test (app download)

Maths:

Pixl Maths: <https://mathsapp.pixl.org.uk/>

My Maths: www.mymaths.co.uk

Log in: Wigston 1 Password: Square177

English Literature and Language

British Council - <https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find> - Resources for English language learning

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/>

<https://englishatwmat.org.wordpress.com/>

www.sparknotes.com

Business Studies:

www.businessed.co.uk

www.tut2u.net