



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and adjusting to life accordingly ahead of the latest relaxing of lockdown measures. As a school we have welcomed our Year 10s back over the past two weeks. I would like to thank those of you who have trusted us enough to send your children back; your support is much appreciated.

I would also like to thank the rest of you for your support and the support you are giving to your children with their home learning. I do however, have a small request. We understand that some students are completing their work but not submitting their work for review. Therefore, if possible, could you check in with your children twice a day. Initially, to discuss the tasks they have to complete that day (highlighting any support they may need from their teachers - they can contact their teachers through Satchel with their questions) and then finally to check that they have submitted the work they have completed that day. This will help us better track their progress and offer targeted support where needed.

Any questions or concerns with home learning, please do not hesitate to contact the school and/or discuss with the family tutor during their weekly contact call.

Year 10 English Macbeth texts (Message from Ms Alderson)

Families should have received a text from school this week regarding Macbeth play texts for English which your child needs as of now. Student editions can be purchased through the school on Parent Pay for £5.49. Once you have paid, please ask your child to collect their copy from main reception when they are in school. You are welcome to buy your own copy of the text elsewhere if you would prefer, but it is important each Y10 student has their own.

DofE (Message from Mr Brown)

Firstly, I want to thank all the parents and carers for being incredibly supportive and patient with the running of the Duke of Edinburgh Award (DoE). Unfortunately, due to impact of COVID-19, the school has decided, in-line with Government policy, that to conduct the DoE Expeditions in September 2020, it would either place the participants at a huge risk or participants would not gain the full experience that the Award has to offer. For this reason, the school has made the decision to postpone the expeditions until Spring 2021. The school will reschedule future dates for both the practice and assessment expeditions to be completed in the Spring 2021. Obviously this has not been an easy decision given the amount of effort that the school and students have put towards the award. However, this will not affect participant's service; sport or skill aspect of the Award. The DoE has allowed the expeditions and the additional service; sport and skill aspect to be extended and all completed work will be carried over. The school will keep the payment system open until 30th October 2020 and keep parents & carers informed about the future dates. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school and I will be in touch as soon as possible. Thank you again for all your support and time.

International trips

If you haven't responded to the letter sent out by Ms Leggat regarding the year 10 trips to New York and Iceland, or the Year 8 trip to Barcelona, please do so as soon as possible.

Sincerely

R.Hussain
Principal