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Year 10 Newsletter

Charles Darwin School

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Dear Year 10

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and following the Government guidelines as regards to meeting in social groups. The times we are now living in are unique and uncertain for everyone, but it is important that we try to keep in touch with school, our education and with each other – all over the computer! I will be contacting all of you like this on a regular basis and will provide any news or information which I think you would find of benefit – see it as an assembly without my PowerPoint or my face (that makes it a real positive)...

There are a few things today which I want all of you to take on board:

- All of you should have your ShowMyHomework log in details, your school e-mail address and your log in details for Office 365. I have all this information and so if you need it, please e-mail me dla@cdarwin.com
- You will need to complete the work that is set, but make sure that you structure your day. Monday to Friday start your day at the same time (9am?), have plenty of breaks and finish your work day at the same time. Create a timetable with work times and break times and stick it on the fridge. Working from home is going to be very difficult and in particular for some of you, it will be tricky to motivate yourselves. You will need to show a lot of maturity over the following months.
- Some of you might have siblings at home who also need access to the computer – a timetable between you and your siblings is even more important when this is the case.
- Remember that we are all in different circumstances. For many of your parents this is an extremely worrying and troublesome time with jobs being insecure and money for many being very tight. This might cause strain and tension at home – each of you has a responsibility to support parents (just as they will support you), by doing as you are asked, not arguing with tiresome brothers and sisters and keeping up to date with your work.
- You will be using a lot of social media to keep in contact with friends. Now more than ever, it is important that nothing unpleasant or uncaring is put out there. You are a wonderful Year Group and I know that you don't need me to remind you of this. But please don't exclude others, don't be unpleasant and most important - be kind! As I have said, you have no idea what the personal circumstances of some of your friends are, so use social media responsibly. Thank you.

I will be contacting all of you in this fashion at least once a week. Please e-mail me any news which we can share, any concerns you have, any questions you need answering or any Shout-outs that you want for the next Newsletter. I shall be communicating with your tutors and asking them for the names of any pupils who have been doing good work and will mention you here. I will give you a 'virtual' House Point. These might become difficult times and I know all of you will rise to the occasion.

It is important that in the future you are able to look back at this period of time and know that you made the most of it and did not simply flitter the time away. All of you take care of yourselves, look after your family and continue to work hard.

Will be in touch again soon.

Mr Lamb



In a world where you can be anything - Be Kind