



WALTON HALL ACADEMY PARENT BULLETIN

Friday 3rd April 2020

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TIP FOR ENTERTAINING CHILDREN AT HOME:

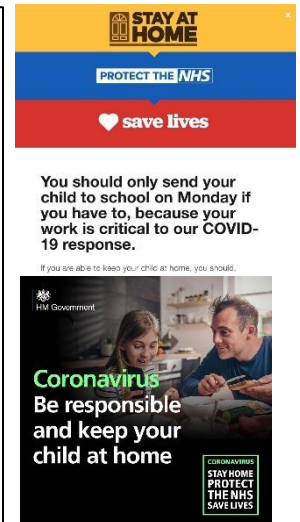
The Nation's PE Teacher

PE lessons every day for half an hour from 09:00 on "The Body Coach TV" (link below) for children in primary and secondary schools. Give it a go! This is run by well-known celebrity Joe Wicks, its completely free and done indoors.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

SCHOOL CLOSURE UPDATE:

For **Key Workers**, and parents of vulnerable children, there is provision for you to send your child to school should you need help with childcare. However, due to the severity of the pandemic and the risk to life, current advice is **everyone should stay at home if they possibly can as this is safer**. Any child for whom provision is requested will have a risk assessment considering all the factors involved. We shall be partially opening after Easter due to a reduction in available staff to accommodate requests.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM PARENTS TO OUR HELPLINES

Safeguarding	ICT	General
Students will be receiving "Safe & Well Checks" from staff during school closure – this is just to make sure that we are picking up any problems if they occur. Please reply when contacted, as we will follow up where returns are not received according to our Safeguarding procedures.	If you are having problems with ICT contact the school for hard-copies of work to be posted home.	Please feel free to email our staff for any help or advice with providing work or activities for your child whilst they are at home

Extra Safety Advice:

Consider not wearing jewellery, especially on hands.

Consider removing clothes on returning home and washing them immediately (above 60 degrees if possible). Leave your washer door open so that you don't need to touch it, then after loading go and have a shower. You will then be virus free and can put the washer to work! Do this for children who have been at school also – just as an added precaution!

IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Walton Hall Academy will be closed over the Easter Holiday.

LATEST ON EXAMS

We are aware that the DfE are working with exam boards and Ofqual to design a fair process for grade allocation to students. We will update you as soon as we have more details. **Year11/ students should keep undertaking work sent to them** by teachers as they will need the learning in preparation for next stages of education and there may be an option to sit exams later in the year if they disagree with grades allocated. **Year 10 students** will have exams next year so it is vital they keep up their learning time and do the work sent to them!

HELPLINES:

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COVID Creative writing task:

Daily life is very strange at the moment, so let's have some fun and a bit of a challenge! Write a story using the scenario below. Email your story to shatton@waltonhall.shaw-education.org.uk. There will be prizes for the most creative stories from each Key Stage. Good luck and get creative. Get your families to come up with ideas! Sam Hatton

Art project:

Miss Jenkinson and Miss Howton in Key Stage 3 will shortly be setting up an art project for students to design posters to go in front windows to cheer everyone up. There will also be a History project for students to complete

Celebration Assemblies:

Here at Walton Hall, we would like to maintain a positive outlook and involve you in celebrating our students every Friday. We always have a 'Celebration' assembly on Friday afternoons which is a lovely opportunity to find out what good work, super behaviour, personal achievements or displays of kindness our students have shown throughout the week.

Each week, the parents of one class will be sent a text. You can reply to this text if you wish to nominate your child for something special they have done for you at home (got on with school work every day, been helpful, done extra chores, looked after pets, played nicely with siblings etc). Please start your text with the word '**Celebration**'. Four students each week will be chosen to receive a special certificate via email.

This week, we'll be starting with Mrs Walker's class and Mrs Robinson's class. Nominations need to be sent in via a reply to kwalker@waltonhall.shaw-education.org.uk or crobinson@waltonhall.shaw-education.org.uk from by 1 p.m on Friday the 3rd of April.

Food Bank

Food bank parcels for students entitled to free school meals have been available thanks to our staff volunteers who have fetched provisions from Newcastle and Lichfield. We will continue to provide these as groceries become available and will notify you.

Please email any enquiries to acliffon@waltonhall.shaw-

Walton Hall Academy Website

Have a look at our Website. This has lots of information regarding resources for students and information on COVID19 under Parents tab, COVID19

waltonhallacademy@.org.uk



You should only send your child to school on Monday if you have to, because your work is critical to our COVID-19 response.

If you are able to keep your child at home, you should.

