



**The Priory School**

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

We appreciate that, despite the possible initial attraction of having the prospect of unscheduled time away from school, many of you have shared your understandable concern at having to manage during this unique, challenging time. If it is of any consolation, I feel exactly the same, both from a personal and professional point of view – this is a time we will look back on, and share our anecdotes with relatives, as a point in history where we were all tested. Where we are able to, therefore, we will try to help you through maintaining our communication with you. May I therefore begin by thanking the vast number of you who have engaged regularly and productively with Show My Homework, getting on with tasks, communicating with teachers and showing that you mean to remain in contact with your school life (even if this is at a distance).

One minor point, please, that I wish to make gently to some of our young people: some seem to be getting involved in the task with such enthusiasm, which is marvellous, but they do so without reading all the instructions. Please do pause to read everything that is instructed, before starting – this will help you to understand the whole picture and purpose of the task set.

Acknowledging the difficult context we are all now in, our student support team is presently setting up an Instagram page which may provide support for those that need it – it is called *theprioryschoolstudentsupport*. We are also looking to create a set of resources which do not rely on using a device (because understandably many may have restricted access).

School remains open for a small number, although we are operating on a skeletal staff following the instruction from the Prime Minister recently that we should, as far as possible, stay at home. Therefore it is best if you send in any information or requests through info@ (which is being picked up remotely by the Office staff), rather than sending a message by telephone, given that we are no longer monitoring telephones regularly.

Finally, due to a number of reasons, I am a little behind with Year 10 reports (which were scheduled to come to you today). Rather than producing hard copies, we are converting them into pdf files and emailing them, one by one (also remotely). This means that they will not come to you simultaneously, rather in the order I complete my final comment; it is anticipated, however, that by the end of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, we will have sent them all out. Please bear with us and thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Stay safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely,

M J Barratt  
**Principal, The Priory School**