

Dear Parents / Carers

We now have a very comprehensive package of home / online learning available, for each of our centres, which is updated on a weekly basis.

You will find links and guides on the Online Learning section of our website (in Student Pages), together with video guides for anyone who is still having difficulty logging on to any of the learning platforms

All students have been provided with a school email account and access to our cloud based file storage called Sharepoint. We also, have 4 learning platforms: **Pearson**, **Kerboodle**, **SAMLearning** and **MyMaths**.

I am hoping by now that you have your child's usernames and passwords and they are able to access all they need to. I am aware that there were some initial difficulties for some students, but hope that these are now resolved (please contact your centre learning lead if they are not – see email addresses below)

Teachers will set work on **Sharepoint** for the week, this may be a pack of work or an instruction that work has been set on one of the learning platforms. Students need to navigate to their Centre's folder (eg Goldwyn Ashford) and then to the subject folder. Current work will be named with the 'week starting' date.

Students are asked to send completed tasks back to teachers email accounts (they will have access to these when they use their email accounts on Sharepoint)

Work will be marked and returned to students via their email addresses.

Please can you ask your child not to email teachers outside of normal school hours.

If you have any questions or your child is unable to access work please email:

pluslearning@goldwyn.kent.sch.uk Goldwyn Plus students

ashlearning@goldwyn.kent.sch.uk Goldwyn Ashford students

folklearning@goldwyn.kent.sch.uk

Goldwyn Folkestone students

colllearning@goldwyn.kent.sch.uk

Goldwyn Sixth Form College students

I am aware that there may be some students who are unable to access the internet or do not have a device on which to complete online work. We can provide paper based work packs; would you please contact your centre using the email address above if this is the case for your child.

These are unprecedented times and we will all need to collaborate to support the continued learning of our children / students. However, can I make it clear from the school's point of view that there is no expectation that students will do a certain amount of work each day or each week; together we should try and encourage them to continue with some learning, but we need to avoid any confrontations or additional anxiety at home due to school work.

Summer Examinations 2020

You will also see from Charlotte's letter that we have just received updated guidance from OFQUAL with regard to how GCSE's will be awarded this summer. We will be contacted after Easter to provide evidence of teacher's professional decisions on GCSE grades, which must be completed by the end of May.

Can I please ask you not to request any information from any of the staff regarding your child's provisional grades as they are not allowed to release these:

"Schools and colleges have been told that they must not share their centre assessment grades with students, parents or carers, under any circumstances, until after final results are issued. This is to protect the integrity of centres' judgements, and to avoid anyone feeling under pressure to submit a grade that is not supported by the evidence" (OFQUAL 3.4.20)

The DFE have stated that all students will have the opportunity to sit these examinations again during autumn of 2020 or summer 2020 if they wish.

Your child may also be entered for non GCSE qualifications, such as BTEC's or City & Guilds; we are still awaiting guidance about these qualifications.

Please refer to the parent / carer and student links below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877842/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter to students - Summer 2020 grading.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877830/Letter_to_students_-_Summer_2020_grading.pdf)

If you have any problems, please contact the above email addresses in the first instance. If you do not receive a reply please contact me at: pete.lewis@goldwyn.kent.sch.uk. We would appreciate your patience during this time, as we may not be able to reply immediately.

Yours sincerely,

Pete Lewis
Vice Principal