

20 March 2020



LEARNING CHANGES LIVES

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Thank you to everyone for your support at this challenging time. We had a calm and reflective early end to the term today.

As promised those students who attended today have been issued with their pack of work to cover the period from now until 20 April. If a child was in school today but their sibling(s) was/ were absent they may also have been sent home with work for their brother or sister.

I want to extend a huge thank you to the whole staff team many of whom stayed late last night, and arrived at the crack of dawn this morning, to ensure that student work packs were ready for distribution. This afternoon 80% of the packs for students who were absent from school were hand delivered by staff volunteers. The remaining packs will be delivered on Monday. In the small number of cases where properties were inaccessible those packs will be posted on Monday and arrive on Tuesday/ Wednesday next week.

### **Year 11 Exams/ Assessment Update**

The Department for Education have today confirmed that there will be NO EXAMINATIONS for GCSE students this academic year. Instead, the examination authorities will work with schools to award grades based on a combination of predicted grades, mock examination grades and prior Key Stage 2 attainment data. The exact formula that will be used has yet to be finalised.

The Secretary of State has also confirmed that where a student wishes to do so, there will be an option to sit an examination in the new academic year. He has also confirmed that the grades awarded will be indistinguishable from any other year so that no student will be disadvantaged by not having sat the usual round of examinations.

### **Monday 23 March until Friday 17 April**

- i. The families of students identified as 'vulnerable' on the academy register will be asked to continue to send their child to school for the slightly shorter period of 9.00am until 2.00pm each school day.
- ii. Students from homes where one or more parent is occupied in a key worker profession will also be able to attend the Academy from 9.00am until 2.00pm each school day.

If your child falls into the second (key worker) group **it is essential that you contact the Academy by emailing Mr Ellis on [rellis@lanfranc.org.uk](mailto:rellis@lanfranc.org.uk) before 6.00pm on Saturday 21 March to inform us of your intention to continue to send your child to school.** For reasons of health and safety we cannot occupy an 'open house' system as we may not have sufficient staff on any one day to safely supervise students.

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### **Monday 20 April until further notice**

In the event that schools remain closed into the summer term work will be provided on a daily and weekly basis via the Academy's website and student remote desktop. All students have log-in access to this system and can connect via the internet.

### **Free School Meals**

In order to support those families who are entitled to free school meals the Academy will issue vouchers for a local supermarket equal to the cost of a daily meal to cover the period from Monday 23 March until Friday 3 April. This process will be reviewed once the government have issued further guidance on the provision of a national scheme.

### **General Information**

Student work packs contain an exercise book in which all work set should be completed. Each separate subject should be clearly distinguished by drawing a line under each piece of work and writing a new heading for the next task.

Staff will remain available via email and any questions or queries can be directed to them electronically. On days when the Academy is occupied there will be limited staffing of phones.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support. We shall continue to do our very best to provide education in these somewhat challenging times and thank you in advance for your patience as we adapt to working in a very different way to our usual mode of operation.

Please continue to follow NHS advice and stay safe. We shall continue to post updates to the website as new information becomes available.

Yours faithfully,



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