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Dear Parent,

Summer Term 3

I hope you and your families are keeping safe. There has been a lot of speculation in the media about the reopening of schools. Hopefully we will know more after the Government briefing on Sunday. I will send further communication next week when we have the latest information.

Wellbeing

This is a really challenging time for our pupils, yourselves and your wider families. As a school, we continue to offer our support to you. Please contact school on 0121 705 3988 or via email on office@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk, if you need any help or advice. We have also received information on support services that are available to you. These have also been added to the website, for you to refer to, in the communication section.

We have received further information and support from the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team, as well as newsletters from the Autism and SEND teams which you will find [here](#), along with the document detailing support for students and parents. There is also information from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health with details of resources for parents and carers, as well as information from St John Ambulance in regards to mental wellbeing.

Guidance has also been received from West Midlands Police in supporting children and their families in responding effectively to adversity, trauma and loss that may have been experienced in regards to COVID-19. Please find a link to their guidance and [resources here](#).

Bank Holiday – Friday 8th May

As noted last week, please be reminded school will be closed tomorrow due to the Bank Holiday for pupils who are still attending.

Interviews and IAG

Staff are busy contacting our Year 11 and Year 13 pupils with regards to their future pathways.

UCAS Information Year 13

There have been regular updates from UCAS, regarding university applications, and this week Michelle Donelan, Universities minister, sent an email to all students who have applied to university this year. Below are just a few extracts of the email which contained some vital information, including a reminder of the need to apply for Student Finance by the deadline of 22nd May 2020.

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Admissions

We have agreed with UCAS to bolster the Clearing process this year. Whether you have a conditional or unconditional offer, you will have the opportunity to change your choice once you have received your grades. This will be supported by a new service that can suggest alternative opportunities, based on your qualifications, your course interest, and other preferences, helping you filter the multitude of courses in a structured way.

In response to calls from universities, we have also temporarily limited the numbers of students each higher education provider can recruit, to ensure a fair, structured distribution across providers, and deter practices which might induce you to make a decision against your own interests. Providers will be able to recruit full-time, domestic students up to 5% above their forecasts in the next academic year, and the Government will also have the discretion to allocate an additional 10,000 places, with 5,000 ring-fenced for nursing, midwifery or allied health courses, to support the country's vital public services.

I want to reassure you that, if you have accepted an offer, meet the conditions, and decide to take the place, nothing has changed.

Means Tested Maintenance Loans

Many of you will have applied for a Maintenance Loan for the coming academic year, 2020/21, and some of your families will have seen their income reduced in recent times. If you have been awarded the maximum Maintenance Loan, you do not need to do anything, as you will receive the maximum level of support as planned. If you have applied for support, and have been awarded a lower amount than the maximum, and believe your household income for the current tax year (2020/21) will drop by at least 15% compared to the household income you provided when you were initially assessed, Student Finance England may be able to help. Further guidance on eligibility and how to apply is [available online](#).

UCAS Information Year 12

Mrs Przyrodzki and Mrs Chander have sent a variety of resources to support Year 12 as they begin their applications for UCAS. Year 12 students have been advised to begin work on their personal statements as this is a key element of the UCAS application. Year 12 students have also been guided to focus on the super-curricular subject content of their personal statement, in addition to the skills based extra-curricular, particularly if they are applying to Oxbridge or for degrees such as medicine, dentistry and veterinary science.

Please remind your child to send the relevant documents to their form tutor who can then begin work on the references.

Pastoral communications

Please be reminded, we are trying to speak with all of our pupils, if you received a call from a withheld number, it could be a member of staff trying to contact you.

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Microsoft Teams and work allocation

Following the letter last week, we have successfully organised lessons for Year 12 this week via Microsoft Teams. We are currently piloting some lessons with Year 10, and will provide further information in due course. For Years 7, 8 and 9 we will continue to use the portal and emails as per previous communications.

Reading resources

We have received a free resource to support children's and young people's reading at home. The following link: <https://readon.myon.co.uk/> will take you to there. The resource provides digital versions of over 7,000 books for pupils of all ages and abilities.

NSPCC launches new campaign

Following the Education Secretary's announcement on 19 April, the government is providing the NSPCC with funding to expand and promote their adult helpline in order to further protect children from harm during Covid-19 lockdown.

The NSPCC is leading on a media launch of the campaign with a four-week TV, radio and digital advertising campaign.

For information, the campaign consists of TV adverts, radio adverts and information to support social media posts/adverts.

- Please select this [link](#) to download the NSPCC press release
- Please select this [link](#) to download the social media information

Restoration of services at University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust (UHB)

We are sharing information on the restoration of local NHS services with you. Please select [this link](#) to download the briefing from University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust and NHS Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group.

Message from the Diocese

Weekly Worship Week 6: Please see our Twitter account @StPetersSch for Dan and Emily's latest weekly worship.

Masses for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-line workers and those in Social Care: Thursday 7pm. This week the Mass is being celebrated in Leeds Cathedral by Bishop Marcus Stock (formerly of the Archdiocese of Birmingham) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-xVdN6rMCG0sSgk8Rulow>

More resources have gone onto the website so please do keep checking in.

CAFOD Petition: If you haven't already signed [this petition](#) please do consider doing so.

All information is available on the [BDES website](#).

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Kenelm Youth Trust have also been in touch with two articles: The first is a video series called "how to pray" every Wednesday, they will be releasing a video that focuses on a particular prayer or form of prayer. They have started with the Our Father and throughout May will be releasing videos on the Hail Mary and the Rosary amongst others. Each, released at midday on Wednesday on all of their social media channels and on YouTube.

Instagram: @Soli_kyt

Facebook: solikyt

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/JEAvu7HuW7w>

The second is a weekly livestream on YouTube and Facebook starting next Wednesday at 11am. "Wednesday Worship" will be a lively opportunity to be led in learning some new songs, and a creative prayer experience.

DfE Coronavirus Research

The Department for Education are undertaking research in connection with the impact of remote teaching and learning during this period of school closures, in order to understand the education challenges created by coronavirus. This research will make clear the challenges schools, teachers, families and young people are facing and be used to quickly inform the right government advice to ensure learning can continue.

The Department is keen to speak urgently with **parents of nursery/school-age children**. Several upcoming research sessions are planned over the next few weeks. The session will last for approximately 45 minutes and will be led by a Department for Education user researcher.

Those who are interested may register via this link. [Register here](#)

We continue to pray for everyone in our school community during this difficult time.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M. E. Murphy
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