

4<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Good morning to all Year 12 and 13 students

Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> week of lockdown – how are you all coping with everything? As I write it does look as if we will get some kind of announcement this week about possible return to College. We may know by Sunday a timetable of when we will reopen. As soon as I know anything, I promise I will let you know.

This week the College is launching a **Fundraising event for staff and students** which will run from **Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup>** based around the number 749. 749 is very special number as it is the total number of students and staff belonging to the TCC Family. The idea is that staff and students can challenge themselves to **complete a task around the number 749 and donate on our Just giving page**. The money raised after a week will go to the **NHS and CHAT** (Community Health Around Torpoint). Keep an eye on the website and SMHW for more details about how you can get involved.

I know it is a bit strange to have Bank Holidays at the moment but remember this Friday is a Bank Holiday to commemorate VE Day (Victory in Europe). My dad was 5 when the Second World War started and spent all of it in Liverpool. His birthday was 8<sup>th</sup> May and he always said he particularly remembered his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday as it was the day that they announced the war in Europe was over, people were celebrating and dancing in the streets and, most importantly, it meant his dad (my grandad) would be coming home from war safely soon. If you are able to support any of the virtual events happening for VE Day this week I would love to hear about them.

I had an email from Mrs Penter this morning – unfortunately she is feeling unwell at the moment. Nothing serious but she is going to take it very easy this week just to be safe. Psychology students will find that she has already set up your lessons for this week on Google Classroom but probably won't be able to get back to you with any feedback or marking this week.

For Year 12 students thinking about University, the University of Exeter has just launched its' virtual programme to prepare students. It looks brilliant even if you are not thinking about going to Exeter and can be accessed through their Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/DiscoverUniExe>.

A reminder to Year 13 students that if you are thinking about going to University this year, you do need to get your Student Finance application done. The deadline for applications is still the end of this month – it is taking them much longer than usual to process applications this year as they are still working remotely. Please let me know if you have any questions about the Student Finance application process.

I came across a really interesting video clip the other day that you might want to have a look at, particularly if like so many of us you have been feeling anxious or unsure about things. Steve Peters is a world-famous psychologist who has done a lot of work with helping elite athletes to perform at their best. In this clip he outlines his basic ideas – well worth 13 minutes of your time :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-KI1D5NPJs>

Have a good week. I am working from home all week and will respond to emails as quickly as I can. Keep safe, keep busy and keep looking after each other.

Best wishes

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