

# Stour Valley Community School

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Dear Parents and Carers

It hardly seems possible that it was four weeks ago that schools closed. With the prospect of at least another three weeks of lockdown, I hope that everyone in our school community is keeping well and finding ways to make the most of the time at home. We are fortunate that the weather has been so good – let's hope that lasts. If you haven't done so already, please do check with your sons and daughters that they have received an email from their tutor (or possibly several emails by now) and that they have responded. We do want to keep in touch and hear about how our students are doing. There is also someone available to answer the phone every weekday between 8am and 3pm, if you have any queries that might be better answered by a conversation. Teachers continue to be available through email to support any subject-related queries.

We are about to send home another two weeks' worth of schoolwork and activities. Thank you to those who have given us feedback – we do seem to have ironed out the issues of forgotten passwords and logins and those who couldn't get onto the remote access. Please do continue to use [itsupport@stourvalley.org](mailto:itsupport@stourvalley.org) for any further technical issues. We appreciate very much those who have taken the time to email us with positive feedback – we have tried to strike a balance in our expectations, planning that students might spend two – three hours a day on the tasks set along with the addition of physical activity and hobbies to support physical and mental wellbeing.

The Education Secretary confirmed yesterday that GCSE results day will go ahead as originally planned, on Thursday 20th August. This is welcome news as our Year 11 students will at least get to have that experience in a 'normal' way. We do still have the Year 11 hoodies in school and some Year 11 photos. In a worst case scenario, these can be collected on GCSE results day. We still hope and intend to distribute them before then.

Wishing you all good health and good spirits

Kind regards

Rachel Kelly, Headteacher



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