

## **Students who we know are in over the next couple of weeks . . .**

Dear parent,

I just wanted to let you know that from Wednesday 25 March, students will need to bring a packed lunch with them to the academy. There will be no facility to buy lunch. If you are usually in receipt of free school meals then you will shortly receive confirmation of what we have put into place for you.

Regards,  
Mrs R Coning

## **Years 7-10 and Year 12**

Dear parent,

I just wanted to clarify some issues in relation to home learning. As I explained in a letter at the end of last week, work will be set for all subjects in Frog. Work will be set on a weekly basis. We would like students where possible to be working for approximately 4 hours per week day. As a guide they could be spending a couple of hours each day on the core subjects of maths, English and science and the other 2 hours on the other subjects. Students have their timetables in their planners so you could always follow that.

Students will be able to email teachers for clarification of tasks or to even send pictures of work etc. Guidance of how to do this is on Frog. Teachers will give priority in responses to our examination classes in Years 10 and 12.

Please be understanding of our staff; they will do their very best to reply as and when they can. Each subject teacher will aim to communicate with each of their classes at least once a week.

As well as work being set on Frog we are working hard to collate other educational resources and materials that you may find useful; these will be on our website under the heading, online extra-curricular resources. All parents (other than parents of Year 7) should have Frog log ins. If you do not have a log on and would like one or you need help with anything on Frog, please email: [m.nicholson@macademy.org.uk](mailto:m.nicholson@macademy.org.uk).

I am aware that there have been problems with Frog today. This should now be resolved. If this were to happen again then I would draw your attention to the online extra-curricular resources on our website.

Regards,  
Mrs R Coning

## **Years 11 and 13**

Dear parent,

I said that I would update you as soon as we had further information about what the situation was in relation to examination grades for Year 11 and Year 13 students. The guidance from the government has now been released. Students will receive a calculated grade at some point in the summer, most likely in July; this will come from exam boards and not the academy. This grade will consider teachers predicted grades and the students' prior attainment. At the time of writing, we have not been given a set of criteria/procedures for entering the predicted grade other than guidance that this must take into account a range of evidence and data including performance on mock exams and non-exam assessment. There will be a process of appeal and those students who are not happy with their calculated grade will be given the opportunity to sit their exams as soon as is possible in the autumn term. Guidance around BTEC qualifications is still unclear at the moment.

Can I please ask that you do not get in touch asking us about predicted grades for students. Trust us. We have nothing but the best interests of our students at heart and will ensure that the grades that we predict (to be used alongside other data in the calculated grade) are fair, evidence based and in line with the guidance produced from Ofqual. I know that there is still some uncertainty for some students; this is likely to be the case in the weeks ahead. We will continue to update you as soon as we know more.

Regards,  
Mrs R Coning