



**St Saviour's
& St Olave's
School**

An 11-18 Church of England Girls' School

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"Silver Linings"

Dear Parent/carer

I hope that you and your families are well, and we must remember that is our priority at the moment. Keep yourselves and your families safe and unless your journey is absolutely essential please stay at home.

We find ourselves in uncharted territory and I appreciate all you are doing to support your daughter to continue with her learning at home. Since the additional restrictions that were placed on us Monday evening we are now operating with an absolute minimum staff in school at present and will continue this way for the foreseeable future. Fortunately, all kinds of organisations and individuals have recognised the challenges of home learning and young people having to stay indoors all day. There are new educational opportunities opening up daily, with extra programmes on television and radio, YouTube lessons on everything from PE to Further Maths, and free resources available from galleries, theatres and museums. Please explore these with your daughter, in addition to work set by her teachers which can be found on our website in the curriculum section labelled Home Learning.

The challenges facing us will have an impact on our well-being and mental health and we are passing on some advice that has been shared with us to try to help with this. On our website you will find a section called well being which has some practical tips shared by the Southwark Diocesan Board for Education. Please do have a look. We will continue to add material to this section in to the future.

We still don't have complete clarity on the process for awarding exam grades this year, although we do know that it will require information from teachers. We will be ready to do so when information is requested. In the meantime, it is important that students in year 11 and year 13 do continue to study. They have worked very hard for five or seven years with us and they must maintain all of that knowledge in preparation for the next stage of their learning, whether that is in our sixth form, at university or in an apprenticeship. As soon as we have clarity on the process we will let students know. Students in year 11 and year 13 should have received a letter today by email from their Directors of Learning, Ms Gray and Ms Kennedy respectively. It contains some helpful advice about their current situations regarding studying.

Many of our families have people who work in the health service and we are grateful for all you are currently doing. We also have many people in our school community who work in those other vital industries of food, schools, social services and transport who are also making a major contribution to keep us all safe at this time. In school we are currently gathering all our safety goggles from our science department to donate to local hospitals for staff. We will continue to do all that we can to support our community, as I know you will too.

With very best wishes, God bless

Catherine May

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