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Dear Parent/Carer

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I hope and pray that you are well, and your families are safe. Please continue to follow the advice we are all given to stay home and stay safe as much as you possibly can.

We are settling into our new routines, with just a skeleton staff at school and with the majority of learning activities happening at home. Thank you for all you continue to do in supporting your daughters with their schoolwork. The feedback from teachers is that the vast majority of our students are engaging very positively with the various learning platforms we are using, and that the work being submitted is of a high quality. Staff are also on a learning curve with this new way of working, and I'm grateful for everyone's determination to make the best of a situation that we had to respond to so rapidly.

As we are communicating so much more by email in this current situation it would be good for students to practice writing more professional emails and we would like to share a YouTube video offering students advice on this. Please find the link below at the end of this letter.

Year 11 and Year 13 students will also be receiving a separate communication from Ms Ferguson regarding the situation with their examinations and ongoing assessment this year.

Ms Murphy has asked me to pass on her praise for year 11 and year 13 drama students who have been working hard on practice essays at home, and getting excellent results. Well done especially to Rosie, Wahida, Alaae, and Blessing. Ms Vasey sent me this lovely piece of work from Maria Agudelo-Espinosa when she tasked her year 9 class with creating an Islamic geometrical pattern.



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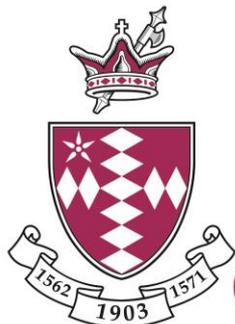
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I also received this from Ms Charlton...

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet titled 'The Government Game'. The spreadsheet is divided into several sections:

- Header:** 'The Government Game' in a blue bar.
- Input Section:** 'Enter player/team name below:' and 'Enter policy numbers for each month below'. The player name is 'Yr 12 Economics Students'. The policy numbers are entered in a grid for 4 rounds (rows 1-4) and 12 months (columns 1-12).
- Score Section:** A 'Score:' column next to the policy numbers, showing scores of 3, 1, 8, and 5 for rounds 1-4 respectively.
- Running scores section:** A table titled 'Running scores below:' with columns for Inflation (Infl), Unemployment (Unemp), GDP, Debt, and Poll. The scores are: Round 1 (Infl: 4, Unemp: -3, GDP: 7, Debt: 3, Poll: 45), Round 2 (Infl: 8, Unemp: -4, GDP: 9, Debt: 5, Poll: 75), Round 3 (Infl: 3, Unemp: -11, GDP: 11, Debt: 4, Poll: 75), Round 4 (Infl: 3, Unemp: -10, GDP: 8, Debt: 6, Poll: 65).

Yr 12 Economics students making tough decisions in a government policy simulation game. Each round they had to choose between 28 different policies that would affect the economy, such as increasing the minimum wage or deregulating the gas industry and see how it would affect their economy's scores – and their voter popularity!

Well done to all the Key Stage 4 and 5 Business students who are showing great levels of independent learning and producing some excellent pieces of coursework. Special mention to Abigail Ajayi in Year 12 who has produced University standard work.

At this point in the term I would usually be writing the end of term assembly, gathering the information for the subject awards, having my afternoon tea with the students who achieved the highest effort and conduct grades in their RoPs, and adding up house points to see who had won the house cup. This is going to be an end of term like no other! I hope we can still calculate the house points, and if it is possible, we will put an announcement on the website on Friday at midday.

Nevertheless, this is the end of the Spring Term, and we are going into a two-week break. Both in school and at home this term staff and students have worked hard and it is important that they do take a break. No new work will be set during this period and staff should not be responding to emails from students. School will continue to be open 9.30am to 2.30pm Monday 6th April to Thursday 9th April, and Tuesday 14th April to Friday 17th April, for children of key workers and those who are vulnerable.

Ms Elliott-Janvier has informed me of an art competition she is running for her Year 7 students to complete over the Easter holidays, so please look out for an email from her. As we are approaching Holy Week, we would have received our Palm Crosses in our final assembly. As this isn't possible, instead we are all invited to join in with making a virtual procession of crosses! The task is to make a cross out of anything at all you can find at home - some examples are in the link below. Be creative as possible! Then take a picture of your cross and email it to Rev Imogen. During Holy Week she will make a collage/slideshow of the crosses



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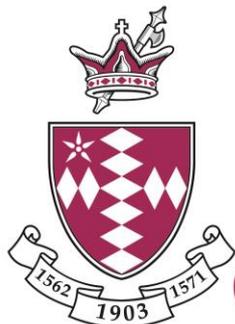
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which will be sent out to everyone and put on the website. This is a great way of having some fun whilst remembering the importance of faith at the heart of our school.

The government have now launched their voucher scheme for Free School Meals, but this is available in term time only. We understand that these are exceptional times and we will therefore use our own funding to provide supermarket vouchers for families who would usually be in receipt of Free School Meals. These will be distributed in the same way as the previous voucher we sent home. **I would also encourage any family whose circumstances have changed in the past few weeks to consider whether you may now be eligible for Free School Meals, and if so, please apply.**

There has been an increase in fraudulent activity and reports of online scams and bogus texts in which people have been contacted and asked to submit bank details or make some form of payment to a company claiming to be HMRC or acting on behalf of the government. If you do receive such a text or email, you can report it to phishing@hmrc.gov.uk but most importantly **never** respond or submit your bank details. If I could also remind you to ensure your daughters are continuing to stay safe online – particularly when downloading new social media apps such as House Party – these apps are particularly popular right now but there have been some mixed reports in the media as to the safety of them.

At the end of this letter I have included the bible verses and prayers which we have used at the start of each day this week. Thanks to Reverend Imogen for providing one each day, and she has also provided a link on our website to some resources for prayers at home you may like to use.

Young Enterprise are another organisation that we work with and they have created some activities and resources for use at home which they've made available for free. The link for parents is also included at the end of this letter. Please also look out for the various museum, theatre and gallery sites which are offering a whole range of resources and opportunities for free.

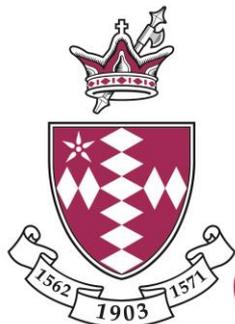
As we travel together through these strange times, let us remember through Holy Week both the suffering on the cross, and the hope that the resurrection gives us all.

Wishing you peace and hope this Easter time.

Best wishes and stay safe

Catherine May
Headteacher





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1. Bible Verse

"Jesus said, "In this world you may have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world."" John 16:23

Prayer

Loving God, in this uncertain and fleeting world, help us to keep our eyes fixed on you, knowing that, though all else may change, you will not. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

2. Bible Verse

"Jesus said, "My peace I give to you, my peace I leave with you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."" John 14:1

Prayer

Loving God, hold on to us in all the changes and challenges of life. Help us to put our hand in yours, knowing that you are there, sharing our experiences and able to see us through. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

3. Bible verse

"God is our strength and refuge, and very present help in trouble, therefore we will not fear." Psalm 46:1

Prayer

Loving God, help us to see this new day as a gift. May we be aware of all the ways you are present to us, through other people, through anything that makes us smile, and even in the challenges. Help us to see the positive in all people and all situations, and to remember that we are unique, precious and loved. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

4. Bible verse

"Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong." 1 Corinthians 16:14

Prayer

Loving God, lift us above the duties and responsibilities of our daily lives so that we may see them in the light of your loving purposes. Broaden our imaginations so that now and eternity may be seen as one moment in your time. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

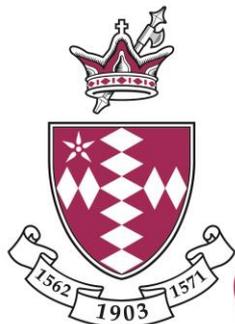
5. Bible verse

"Do not fear for I am with you: do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Surely I will help you. Surely I will uphold you with my righteous hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

Prayer:

Loving God, thank you that you can make something positive out of any situation in our lives, no matter how hard. Thank you that you care about everything that concerns us, and that you are always with us, giving us what we need for everything we face. Help us to remember that with you, all things are possible. In Jesus' name, Amen.





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Palm Crosses – examples can be found here:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5R21fiCQyptmmHtU9>

You Tube Video – Email etiquette:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23LCe-l0_qA

Young Enterprise – link for parents:

<https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/parent-toolkit>

Audible books are currently free for the next few months - sign up for a plethora of books to listen to! Link below:

<https://stories.audible.com/discovery>

Volunteer Opportunities for Year 13

<http://communitysouthwark.org/get-involved/covid-19-supporting-vcs-local-communities/covid-19-volunteering-vacancies>



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