



## DURRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer/our Students,

I want to thank everyone for their incredible support, understanding and teamwork over the past few weeks. We are all adapting to a very different way of life and I know that the strength we draw on from 'Team Durrington' will help us through these challenging times.

### **Remote Learning**

I cannot thank our staff enough for all that they are doing. The quality of teaching and learning staff are providing via google classroom and Loom is, I believe, second to none. In a matter of days, the staff team skilled themselves up to be able to give your children, our students, the best possible experience.

It is vital that your son/daughter doesn't miss out. The majority of all students in all year groups have been logging in and working hard to the remotely taught lessons however some have not. It really is important that **all** students continue to access and complete their work; this can/should be caught up on over Easter as all previously set work remains available on google classrooms. As general reminder if you have any issues with access (using your school email and password) please email [itservices@dmateducation](mailto:itservices@dmateducation)

### **Well-being**

We fully understand that being away from their friends, staff and school is really hard for our students and again staff are supporting them through our company and well-being teams and the fun challenges being set.

As a second reminder please also check the wellbeing/safeguarding classrooms that are set up to provide you with 24/7 support and contact information. Whilst the school will be closed there are lots of external services/charities that are available to help through webchat/messaging/phone covering a wide variety of worries/concerns.

### **Year 11 exam grades**

We have to-day received the guidance from Ofqual in relation to the awarding of GCSE grades. The guidance can be read here <https://tinyurl.com/vcwnnkh> We will work on this and share information with you as soon as we practically can. We really do appreciate

your patience and understanding at a very difficult time for our year 11 students. When we receive information from sixth form colleges we will share on our year 11 page on the website.

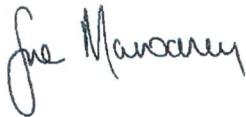
A huge thank-you to our 'back office teams' who continue to keep our school working smoothly; site, IT, finance, office administration and our technical staff.

With the national situation it is highly likely that schools will not re-open directly after Easter and we will send an up-date before the end of the Easter break in relation to next term. You can also follow DHS on twitter@DurringtonHigh and on Facebook.

Your messages of thanks and support are greatly appreciated.

Stay well and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sue Marooney', written in a cursive style.

**Ms S Marooney**  
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