

Dear parents / carers and students,

I want to welcome you to the new term. Although this is a very different start to our usual summer term we are still very much working as a team to stay safe and continue learning. I hope you all managed to have a good, if unusual, Easter break with some time to relax and enjoy the lovely weather.

We continue to teach remotely using Google classroom and have been delighted with the way in which the vast majority of our students have engaged in this new way of learning. We have seen some excellent examples of teaching and learning across the board and you can see many examples on our social media pages. From students creating excellent flashcards in geography, annotating poems in English, working on their sketchbooks in art and design and practising exam questions in history.

Thank you for supporting your children with their remote learning, I know these are difficult times for many different reasons and, as ever, your support is invaluable. The Education Endowment Fund, with whom our Research School work very closely, are producing guidance and resources to help families in supporting their children during this period of school closure. You can download them [here](#) and it will be updated as more information is available.

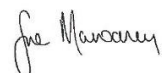
The school was open over the Easter break to those children of key workers and I want to thank the staff who volunteered during the holiday to make this possible. I have been delighted, but not surprised, in how Team Durrington has come together over the past month and am confident in our ability to overcome the challenges and succeed in these unprecedented times.

The power of Team Durrington can be seen clearly in our #DHS4NHS campaign which has already raised over £3000 for Worthing Hospital. So many staff, students and their families have taken part and this has been a wonderful way for us to keep in touch as a community and help our NHS at a time when it is much needed.

I hope you have all seen the fantastic video of staff singing '[I Want to Break Free](#)' which was received with much delight by our community and certainly brought a smile to many faces. It is a shining example of how committed our staff team are to keeping your students engaged and happy as we navigate these uncertain times.

Thank you for all you do to support and encourage us, your comments via email, phone and social media are fantastic to hear and bring strength to the whole team.

Stay safe



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