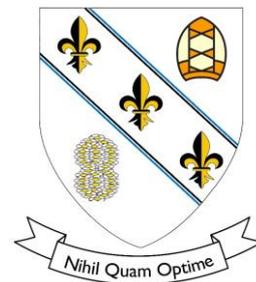


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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Update 1

I hope you and your family are content and well.

I will write to you regularly during lockdown in order to keep in touch and inform you about our perspective.

We have started to share pupils' work on our Facebook page, which can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/ChulmleighCollege>. We would ask you to let us know if there are acts of kindness, exceptional work/creations or local news that we can celebrate with our whole community in the coming weeks. Please do follow us on Facebook – there is much being done and we appreciate it when you engage with us.

Year 11

We are writing about news regarding the GCSEs as it comes in. We applaud Year 11 for their continued hard work. This will help them to make their transition to post-16 education and get the results they need to do so. We anticipate that Year 11 will be back in College when lockdown is over.

Lockdown

I anticipate that this lockdown could last until Easter and possibly beyond. All our plans are based around making this period one where every child can take opportunities to advance their education.

Our educational provision

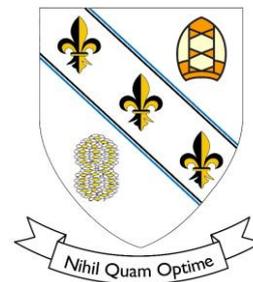
Thank you for the kind comments which you have sent to us. I am pleased with the way this school is addressing the Covid crisis. I am conscious that I am working alongside so many people who seem to live and breathe for Chulmleigh College.

Teachers are now delivering live lessons – one in three lessons will have a live element to it. We can see that it is very important for pupils to keep in touch with their teachers. Classes are teams and we know they need to see their leader. I hope these lessons are working well for your child/ren.

When Ofsted visited last time, they said they could not identify any disadvantaged children by their appearance or behaviour. We are completely committed to the idea that every child is given the opportunity to make something very substantial of their time with us and we are now even more determined. Covid will not hold us back. We have slightly more than 100 pupils in College at the moment and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being understanding. We have a difficult balance to strike about who should be in school. I applaud the staff in the College for their understanding of the situation. They are working very hard here supervising, setting lessons, making phone calls, checking work, maintaining the building, providing food and communicating with you. We have managed to keep the links between us and your children going strongly. We are committed to

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providing full school days and we know there is still more to do. Our purpose, consistency and high standards will not be obscured.

Lateral Flow Testing

The process of testing staff for Covid-19 has begun in line with the guidance we have been given and we will start testing pupils who are in College next week. Please complete the consent form sent earlier in the week.

Free School Meals

Vouchers will be issued next week to those families who are eligible for free school meals. You may have noticed that free school meals have caught the imagination of the public. For your information, we have always avoided providing food parcels because we think it is better for families to make their own choices about the food they need to spend their money on.

I hope that when this period is over, the country will reflect upon the fact that children and young families have borne the brunt of this crisis and when national priorities are reset, surely it will be grasped that the education of children will be seen as one of the most important to address first.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Johnson
Executive Headteacher