

Student Home Learning Update Week 3 (w.c. 20.04):

Welcome back to school after the Easter break! We hope you are all staying safe and well, have had a nice restful couple of weeks off and had some quality time at home with your family

It feels strange to be welcoming you back to school when we are not physically coming into the building, however our school community is about more than just bricks, and it is essential you make a positive start today to your learning in the summer term.

Your teachers will continue to set you work in line with your school timetable. It is important that you establish a routine and timetable that mirrors your timetable in school as much as possible, to help you keep focused throughout the day. During the course of the next few weeks, someone from school may be giving you a quick phone call to check you are engaging with your learning and are managing your workload.

For Year 10 this is a particular vital term, as hard work in the summer term will help set you up to make a positive transition into your crucial Year 11 studies next year. In addition to completing your work set by teachers, all Year 10 students should log-on to GCSEPod; this is an excellent online resource to help you recap and embed key content already studied in your GCSEs.

This week's challenge, perfect for those with green fingers, is to plant and grow something, perhaps a houseplant, some flowers or even some fruit or vegetables. The prize for the winner is a £20 Sports Direct voucher; imagine how many massive mugs you can buy with that!

In addition to this, there are a few additional activities you could be trying this week:

- In addition to your classwork, we are offering all students the opportunity to take part in an extended research project. This is an opportunity to produce a piece of work based on a topic of your choosing. The type of work and subject is entirely up to you! It could be anything from a website about your favorite football team to a newspaper article debating a topic you feel passionately about. If you would like to take part, fill in the Google Form [here](#), and there is more information [here](#). We will have a showcase of all the projects once we return to school, with prizes for the best presented and researched projects.
- [BBC Bitesize](#) have launched a comprehensive package of home learning resources to support you in your learning, covering a wide range of subjects.
- For those interested in drama or performance, The National Theatre is streaming a different play each week on their website [here](#); this week's play is the classic 'Treasure Island'.
- Inventor James Dyson has shared a series of design, science and engineering challenges for you to try and home [here](#); perhaps you could complete one and share your results with us at studentprogress@uak.email
- Audible are offering a range of audiobooks to listen to for free [here](#); this is a great opportunity to explore some texts you haven't experienced before.
- If you are getting a bit bored of doing PE with Joe, Oti Mabuse from 'Strictly' is offering daily dance lessons on her Facebook page [here](#)

Many of you will be preparing for the start of Ramadan later this week; we know this is an important time for many members of our school and local community. It is also a time for you to reflect on the needs of those less fortunate than you are; something which we all can do during these challenging times.

We hope you have a great week; we still want to keep your learning and development at the heart of everything we do so that you continue to grow into the best version of yourselves.

Mr Turvey
Assistant Principal.