

Student Home Learning Update Week 4 (w.c. 27.04):

I hope you all had a positive first week back last week, and were able to quickly establish a routine for learning from home. In addition to your school timetable and the work set by teachers, [BBC Bitesize](#) launched their new daily lessons series online. This means that there are plenty of opportunities for you to be learning and developing even though you aren't physically in the building.

I know many of you at home will have begun observing Ramadan. For those who are observing, we know this is a really important time for you and your families. It is also a time that can disrupt your routines; please make sure that despite the challenges of Ramadan you still continue to focus on your school work and learning, as this will be of great benefit to you in the long term

Well done to everyone who contributed to last week's challenge to grow something new! We had some fantastic entries; Mrs Davies will be announcing the winner later today. This week's challenge is to try and find some Maths in nature, perhaps a spiral in a fern plant, or a repeated symmetrical pattern on a butterfly. As with last week, please send your entries to Mrs Davies; the prize this week is a £15 Primark voucher

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

- In times of crisis like this, the role of the government is really important. You could learn more about how our government works by looking at the resources of the [Houses and Parliament](#) website.
- For any budding writers out there, [Pobble365](#) offers a daily image which you could use as inspiration for a piece of writing. We would love to read whatever you write, please send your works through to studentprogress@uak.email.

Last week we made phone calls to all students in Year 10 to check in with you, make sure you are safe and well, and that you are engaged with your learning. It was fantastic to speak to some of you and hear how positively and quickly you have adapted to these new ways of working. This week we will be doing the same with all Year 9 students, and look forward to some equally positive conversations.

Trying to keep a positive outlook will be important in the weeks ahead as we continue to adjust to new ways of learning. These are difficult times for everyone. If you are finding it hard to stay positive, please make sure that you talk to someone, either a family member, or a friend, or contact someone in school, who can give you the support you need.

We hope you all have a positive week this week. We will continue to make sure that we are putting your wellbeing and learning at the heart of everything we do.

Thanks,

Mr Turvey
Assistant Principal.