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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that as week two of the school closure draws to a close you are remaining fit and healthy as far as possible. Once again I am grateful for all of the support and encouragement that you as families have given to myself and the staff over the last few weeks. There has been a real community feeling developing with both staff and families sharing ideas as to how to pass the time during the lockdown period which is extremely gratifying. I am writing to update you with various bits of information as we head into the Easter Holiday period, please note that the school will be closed for the Easter period.

### Free School Meal Vouchers

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch will be making Free School Meal vouchers available to Parents/Carers of eligible students from Monday 20th April 2020.

Parents/Carers of eligible students will receive an email with details on how to obtain vouchers for their child or children. We have contacted all Parents/Carers of eligible students by email or phone.

If you do not receive an email with information about how to do this or have any queries, please email [FSM@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org](mailto:FSM@mulberryacademyshoreditch.org). If you are unable to contact us by email, please phone 07561 678 526 between 9.00am and 3.00pm. **Please only contact the school after Monday 20th April 2020.**

Please also refer to the latest guidance on Free School Meals:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools>
- [https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/DfE/DfE\\_FreeSchoolMeals\\_ParentCarer](https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/DfE/DfE_FreeSchoolMeals_ParentCarer)

### Year 11 and 13 students.

We are still awaiting information from the DFE and Ofqual as to the process for the allocating of GCSE and A Level and Btec grades this year and I refer to my last letter in terms of the status quo. Detail of what will happen is yet to be confirmed, but it is as much as we know at the moment. As promised, I will write to you again the minute we know more and hopefully we will hear soon. We will take time to digest the information when it does come, and then inform you of the detail. Thank you for your patience with this.

### Children of key workers and site opening

Mulberry School for Girls remains open for the children of key workers and those in certain vulnerable groups as the HUB school for the Trust – please refer to my other communications on the website about this and Free School Meal packed lunch provision.

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## Communication with teachers and other staff

This is going really well and Google classroom is a great tool for teachers to supply work through. Please could I ask you to encourage your children to only email teachers if it is essential to do so as many teachers teach upwards of 200 students per week so we need to be mindful of the workload it generates if students are emailing regularly. Teachers will continue to set work each week as appropriate. Students should ensure they are completing work for all of their subjects, and not just their favourite ones!

## Online safety

Our new way of learning obviously means that students are now spending far greater amounts of time on line than before. With that in mind, the link below gives you a number of tips around online safety which you may find useful relating to social media apps, and advising how to set up parental controls on your computer.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Also, on Monday and Tuesday, Heads of Year have sent their Year groups information on keeping safe online on Google Classrooms, this is for the students to access.

If you have any safeguarding concerns during this period of closure then please email your child's/children's Head of Year or our safeguarding Team continue to be on duty every day to support the students at home.

## Wellbeing

The link below is from the World Health Organisation and contains information about healthy parenting in what are obviously unusual times. Again, you may find some of the advice useful.

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/healthy-parenting>

## Other resources

In order to keep your children entertained there are now numerous websites offering educational content in the form of documentaries which are now free to use. The list below gives you a flavour of these. The timings are for guidance and you would certainly not have to use all of them, but you may find some of them interesting. You may wish to use some of these during the Easter holiday.

## Museums

- Anne Franke Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands - <https://www.annefrank.org/en/museum/web-and-digital/>
- British Museum, London - <https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>
- Guggenheim, Bilbao, Spain - <https://www.guggenheim-bilbao.eus/en>
- Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg, Russia - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49YeFsx1rlw&feature=youtu.be>

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- Louvre Museum Paris - <https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>
- MASP, Sao Paulo, Brazil - <https://masp.org.br/en>
- Met Museum, New York - <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/met-360-project>
- Musée d'Orsay, Paris - <https://m.musee-orsay.fr/en/home.html>
- Musei Vaticani, Vatican City - <http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtuali-elenco.html>
- Museum Of London Docklands - <https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/about-us/business-services/venue-hire/museum-london-docklands/virtual-tour>
- National Gallery Of Arts, Washington DC - <https://www.nga.gov/>
- National Gallery, London - <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/visiting/virtual-tours>
- National Museum Of US Air Forces - <https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/>
- Natural History Museum, London - <https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/the-natural-history-museum-hintze-hall/yQHjHCmSOMKyhQ>
- Palestine Museum - <https://www.palmuseum.org/ehxibitions/virtual-exhibitions>
- Picasso Museum, Barcelona - <http://www.bcn.cat/museupicasso/en/museum/presentation.html>
- Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, Netherlands - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/rijksmuseum>
- Royal Academy Of Arts, London - <https://britishart.yale.edu/>
- Salvatore Dali Museum, Figueres, Spain - <https://www.salvador-dali.org/en/museums/dali-theatre-museum-in-figueres/visita-virtual/#>
- Tate Britain, London - <https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-britain/display/walk-through-british-art>
- The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, United States - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-j-paul-getty-museum>
- The Museum of Flight - <https://museumofflight.org/Explore-The-Museum/Virtual-Museum-Online>
- The National Museum of Computing on Bletchley Park - <https://britishart.yale.edu/>
- Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/uffizi-gallery>
- US Holocaust Museum - <https://www.ushmm.org/information/exhibitions/online-exhibitions>
- Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/van-gogh-museum>
- Virginia Living Museum - <https://thevlm.org/visit/about-us/covid-19-update/natural-education/>
- Women's History Museum, Virginia, USA - <https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/online-exhibits>
- Yale Centre For British Art - <https://britishart.yale.edu/>

## Tourist Destinations

- Buckingham Palace, London - <https://www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-buckingham-palace>
- Colosseum, Rome - <https://tinyurl.com/thrprzf>
- Machu Picchu - <https://www.youvisit.com/tour/machupicchu?pl=f>
- Northern Lights - <https://explore.org/livecams/aurora-borealis-northern-lights/northern-lights-cam>
- Pyramids - <https://www.tripsavvy.com/virtual-field-trip-pyramids-1259200>
- Stonehenge - <https://tinyurl.com/wz3xgz7>
- Street Art with Google - <https://streetart.withgoogle.com/en/>
- Taj Mahal, Agra, India - <https://tinyurl.com/gpz7vmt>
- The Great Wall Of China - <https://www.thechinaguide.com/destination/great-wall-of-china>
- Tour of Rome, Italy - <https://tinyurl.com/s5vlzbc>

## General Sites

- AirPano - <https://www.airpano.com/>
- Berliner Philharmoniker - <https://www.digitalconcerthall.com/en/home>
- ExoPlanets NASA - <https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/>

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- Legoland - <https://www.legoland.dk/en/accommodation/hotel-legoland/virtual-tour/>
- NASA, Langley Research Centre - <https://oh.larc.nasa.gov/oh/>
- The Kennedy Centre - <https://www.kennedy-center.org/digitalstage/>
- Walt Disney Parks - <https://tinyurl.com/v7qano5>
- Wellcome Collection - <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=rMGsprcVCAR>

## Zoos

- African Animals - <https://explore.org/livecams/african-wildlife/african-animal-lookout-camera>
- Atlanta Zoo - <https://zooatlanta.org/panda-cam/>
- Cincinnati Zoo - <https://www.facebook.com/events/2915534028492292/>
- Dublin Zoo - <https://www.dublinozoo.ie/animals/animal-webcams/elephants/>
- Edinburgh Zoo - <https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/panda-cam/>
- Explore.org Live Cams - <https://explore.org/livecams>
- Flamingo Land - <https://www.flamingoland.co.uk/virtual-tour/>
- Florida Aquarium - <http://www.flaquarium.org/sea-span>
- Hirakawa Zoo, Japan - <https://hirakawazoo.jp/animal/movie>
- International Wolf Centre - <https://wolf.org/wolf-cams2/>
- Kansas City Zoo - <https://www.kansascityzoo.org/ouranimals/list-of-animals/king-penguin/>
- Melbourne Zoo - <https://www.zoo.org.au/animal-house>
- National Aquarium, USA - <https://www.aqua.org/Experience/live>
- National Zoo, Washington DC - <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams>
- Osaka Zoo - <http://www.wombat-tv.com/>
- San Diego, California, Zoo - <https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams>
- Smithsonian, Washington DC - <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams>
- Yellowstone National Park - <https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm>

Thank you once again for all of your messages of support, and I hope that you are all managing to remain healthy and well.

Yours sincerely



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