

Good morning all,

Another week seems to have just flown by and we now know a little bit more of how the country is moving forward in easing the lockdown. It may seem that not much is different, but remember we need to come out very slowly so as to not have to go back into a tighter lockdown. I know for some of you it will be great for you to be able to go further from your homes whether that maybe on your bikes or to be able to go out with your parents in the car. I would like to take this moment to let you know that after half term we will no longer be setting any work on SMHW, instead we will be focusing more on transition to Colleges and Sixth Forms.

Some of you may be using this time to think even further into the future about what you will be doing after Year 12 and 13. With that in mind I have sent a separate attachment which allows you to join webinars presented by universities and company experts. You can also view previous webinars on YouTube. This attachment may help you think about different careers and pathways, and allow you to look at the courses you are choosing to take at colleges and where this can lead further on in your education.

I know this is a stressful time for some of you but there is information out there to help you with dealing with the Corona Virus and the lockdown. The [NSPCC has issued updated guidance](#) to support parents and students and may be of some help for some of you.

Last Friday saw the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Even though it was celebrated in a very different way than was expected, there was still lots going on. I know one Year 11 did a huge amount of baking and made a fantastic afternoon spread for their parents. I myself made scones and banana cake and then gave it to all my neighbours. Some of you may have had front drive tea parties or a sing a long in the evening. Whatever you did I am sure the day was a little different than the other days we have that have become our normal.

Croydon SSP Secondary Schools Virtual Athletics is now live, and we want as many OAC students to get involved as possible. It's quick and easy to take part, just follow these simple steps:

- Go to croyondssp.co.uk
- Practice the skills
- Record your score
- Submit your score via the forms online (on the above link) on Monday 18th May.

I hear that some of you are learning to play an instrument. I was lucky enough to hear one Year 11s pieces that he had learnt on the keyboard. Please do let me know if you are learning an instrument or maybe a new hobby as I do love to hear what you are up to. Last week I mentioned that the careers advisor is still offering 1 to 1 interviews via phone. I have had some people take this offer up but there are still some spare spaces if you would like Michele to contact you. It is particularly important if you have not yet applied to a college.



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I know the majority of you have now emailed your mentor which college you have applied to and if they have offered you a conditional or unconditional place. If you haven't yet done so the mentors will now be phoning parents to see where you have applied to, and if you haven't applied to see if we can help with that decision.

The Year Book is being compiled by a number of Year 11s. They have already put together some great pages of your time at Oasis Academy Coulsdon. However, it would be lovely to have some of your thoughts and comments to add to the book. If you have any particular memories, events etc. that you would like to add, please can you [email me](#) and I will pass on to the Year Book Committee.

I have asked teachers for their comments about you. I have to say they are lovely to read and I am sure you will enjoy reading them once the Year Book is complete. I just want to say thank you to all the Year 11s who are putting this book together for the benefit of you all.

I hope you and your families are all well.

Kind regards,

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