Dear Year 8 Students, Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe, well, washing your hands, keeping distance and all that jazz!

"Nothing is a waste of time is you use the experience wisely" *Auguste Rodin*

ONLINE LESSONS – WELL DONE FOR TURNING IT AROUND!

Year 8, I have to kick off with saying how proud I am of you. Two weeks ago in my letter to you all, I had to remind you about maturity and politeness in your online lessons. Well done and thank you for taking note and showing the maturity of which is expected of you. This past week has been BRILLIANT, to the point where I have had teachers email me to say what a pleasure you are to teach online and how you are an example to the other year groups in online lessons. WELL DONE YEAR 8!

As you know, I go into every Year 8 class to check on behaviour and I do have high standards with your professionalism, politeness and behaviour, I will never lower my expectations of you (even when you are at home) and once again you have risen up to them. Keep up the amazing work in your lessons!

HAVE YOU REACHED OUT TO SAY THANK YOU?

Lockdown is easing, we are at risk of getting on with our "normal" hustle and bustle lives, and so before it is too late, I would like for you to do something please. I would like to have a moment to reflect and then sit down a write a letter or a card to someone who has helped you get through this time. It might be a teacher, a sibling, a friend, a family member, a neighbour or your parents. It is important to say thank you. It might be that they have provided support, been a listening ear, made you giggle, or kept you motivated. The letter does not need to be long, you can create something to go with it if you like, but saying thank you is something so simple, but something that is so valued.

OASIS ACADEMY COULSDON'S HOME LEARNING VIRTUAL ART EXHIBITION

During this difficult time we have seen some amazing and creative work from students. To celebrate, here is a sample of artworks created by our students during lockdown in response to project assignments, competitions and also personal art projects: Art Exhibition.

PRIDE MONTH 2020 -

Every year, during the month of June, the LGBTQ community celebrates in a number of different ways. Across the globe, various events are held during this special month as a way of recognising the influence LGBTQ people have had around the world. You have seen rainbows very recently in windows during this pandemic but you may now see rainbows that are to celebrate Pride.

Action for Children have got an article on 5 family-friendly ways to celebrate Pride, and Miss Kavanagh has also put a PSHE session on SMHW for Pride Month.

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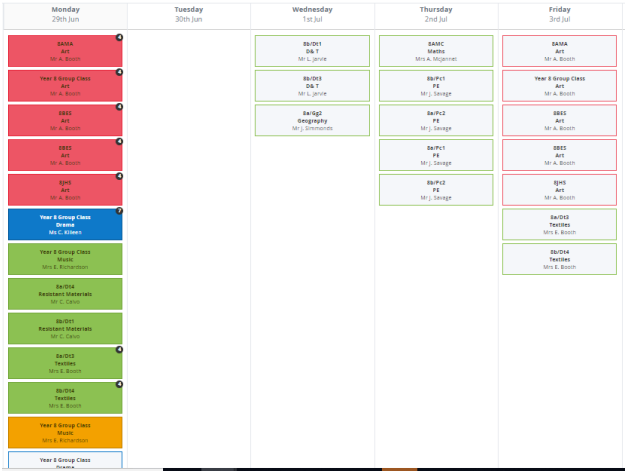
MS TEAMS ASSIGMENTS LESSONS – A REMINDER THAT THEY ARE COMPULOSRY ASSIGNMENTS

Online or video lesson wise, students in Year 8 are getting 6 hours through the week with an additional assignment set after the lesson, which should take *up to* 1.5 hours. This takes us to 15 hours a week of learning just through MS Teams. Furthermore, on SMHW there is work set for RE, Textiles, Resistant Materials, Food Teach, ICT, Drama, Music and Art.



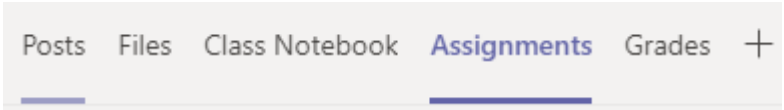
What the SMHW calendar looks like **this week** for year 8

I can check on every subject team for Year 8 and I can see that some of you have not even viewed the assignment on there, let alone completed it. If you view the assignment, you then need to complete it which would change your status to “handed in”. We have cracked the behaviour and maturity in the lessons, now we need to crack the maturity with you getting on with the independent tasks.

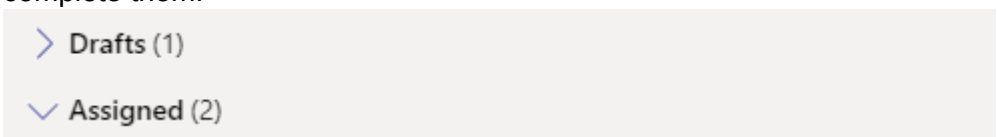
To parents, please can I ask you to have a conversation about what work your child is doing after the online lessons. Are they completing the assignments? Are they still logging into SMHW?

To students, your assignments are **compulsory** and you have one week to complete them. To find them:

- Go into your team for that subject
- Up the top you will see a number of different options to choose. Click on **Assignments**.



- Click onto the drop down for **Assigned**. This is where you will see the different assignments that have been set after the lessons. Click on the individual ones to complete them.



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- Remember that you also have your timetable and a checklist of the work that needs to be completed which is on the academy website. The checklist for this week is here.

AND FINALLY….
Whilst people are looking to go on holiday during the Summer, meet up with friends and family, and go with the easing of lockdown, please please please, remember to keep your distance, stay corona savvy and wash your hands. Just because life may be getting back to some kind of normality, unfortunately, the virus is still there and this is why the government says to "stay alert".

The government has said that they expect all students to come back to school in September. This means that we should expect to have only another 2 ½ weeks of online lessons and working from home. Although this may have been a stressful and weird experience at times, you have been experiencing something that will be firm in the history books. Embrace it, reflect on it, do anything and everything you can to make this moment in history mean something to YOU!

"Happiness is not something readymade. It comes from your own actions." *Dalai Lama*

Stay safe and Healthy.

Mrs Holt
Year 8 Family Leader

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