

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, your child would have started their independent study period in preparation for their GCSE examinations this week. However, they are sharing a unique experience whereby they have had their GCSE examinations cancelled and will be awarded GCSEs based on centre-assessed grades whilst taking into consideration their performance over the last three years. Our over-riding aim in this process is to be fair to students and to make sure they are not disadvantaged in their progress to sixth form, college, university, apprenticeships, training or work because of these unprecedented conditions. The grades they get this summer will look the same as in previous years, and they will have equal status with universities, colleges and employers, whilst enabling them to move forward in their lives as planned.

We would like to remind you that there would be no formal appeals process following the exam results. However, if students feel that the grade awarded in any subject does not reflect their true potential, students will be given an opportunity to sit an exam in that subject in Autumn 2020. We will update you with details of this process when we receive further guidance from Ofqual.

Over the last five years our students have engaged in a number of different activities, both academic and extra-curricular, to help broaden their horizons. We are proud of their contribution to the amazing showcase events at Copleston such as the dance shows, sporting events, student leadership, soiree, and school production. The engagement of our students has been outstanding and they have been a merit to the school.

We feel that it is now time for our students to use these experiences and flourish in their future career paths, whatever this may be. Remember this is just the beginning! A beginning to life full of hard work, struggle and achievements. Persistence and resilience is the key to success! We strongly believe that there is potential in every child and finding the right key to unlock this potential should enable success.

Some of our students will be returning to join Copleston Sixth Form and we look forward to welcoming them back. Others will be moving onto other sixth forms, colleges or making plans to start careers through apprenticeships or other suitable programmes. We hope that whatever pathway your child chooses, they can reflect on their experiences at Copleston and be the best. As they leave school, we are confident that our students have gained the right skills, knowledge and attitudes to find this key. We hope that they will continue to strive hard and achieve their potential in the chosen career path.

As part of your child's preparation towards their future career paths, it is vital that they engage with the pre A level work. This will give your child a solid foundation for their next steps, whether it is joining a sixth form, college, or an apprenticeship. In addition to this, your child has been given an opportunity to enrol on to the EtonX programme as part of their preparation for their future career choices. We are impressed with the vast majority of students who are engaging with these activities. The link to the EtonX course and instructions on how to access these are once again attached below.

<https://etonx.com/>

EtonX courses allow students to benefit from Eton's acclaimed expertise in developing well-rounded, high-achieving students. The Writing Skills course will teach you the techniques needed to help you to produce your best work no matter what essay question you face. The online course will take around 7-10 hours to complete and will cover a range of areas including:

- Finding your essay writing voice
- How to analyse the question and develop an argument
- How to use techniques for efficient planning
- How to create a coherent structure for your essay
- How to write purposeful introductions and conclusions
- How to use appropriate and precise language
- How to check your work for accuracy

This course will be invaluable to you as you prepare to embark on the next stage of your education, particularly if you are moving onto A level study.

How to sign up to your EtonX course: 1. Visit the EtonX website here: Sign up.

2. Choose Sign up with Access Code Z2QNIC79

3. Enter your Access Code.

4. Follow the on-screen instructions. Please sign up with your school email address.

5. It may ask you to proceed to payment, click yes, you will not be charged, the course is free.

6. Congratulations! You can now get started on your course.

We will be able to monitor your progress through the course centrally and you will be awarded a certificate of completion at the end of the course.

We have also shared some links to enrichment activities in my previous letters. Below are the links again for your reference

Art	Art apps - <a href="https://tayasui.com/sketches/">https://tayasui.com/sketches/</a> <a href="http://drawingdeskapp.com/">http://drawingdeskapp.com/</a>
English Language	British Council <a href="https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find">https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find</a> Resources for English language learning Let's Think English Online blog <a href="https://islingtongovuk.j2bloggy.com/ltsec/">https://islingtongovuk.j2bloggy.com/ltsec/</a> Poetry, Stories and Films
Maths	<a href="https://www.mathgames.com/play/kingofmath.html">https://www.mathgames.com/play/kingofmath.html</a> maths games app Hegarty Maths My Maths

	<a href="https://www.khanacademy.org/">https://www.khanacademy.org/</a> - students will have to register (for free)
Science	Mystery Science <a href="https://mysteryscience.com">https://mysteryscience.com</a> Free science lessons Science with Brian Cox - <a href="https://twitter.com/ProfBrianCox">https://twitter.com/ProfBrianCox</a> for details
Geography	Geography Games <a href="https://world-geography-games.com/world.html">https://world-geography-games.com/world.html</a>
History	Big History Project <a href="https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home">https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home</a> Aimed at Secondary age. Multi disciplinary activities.
Languages	Duolingo - <a href="https://www.duolingo.com">https://www.duolingo.com</a> – learn a language Seneca - <a href="https://www.senecalearning.com">https://www.senecalearning.com</a> Memrise - <a href="https://www.memrise.com/">https://www.memrise.com/</a>
Literacy / Drama	<a href="https://www.booktrust.org.uk/hometime">https://www.booktrust.org.uk/hometime</a> - a rota of author & illustrator events <a href="#">David Walliams's audio stories</a> will be released daily - Follow <a href="#">David Walliams on Twitter</a> to get links to each book. Free online books to read - <a href="https://readon.myon.co.uk/">https://readon.myon.co.uk/</a> <a href="http://ntlive.nationaltheatre.org.uk/">http://ntlive.nationaltheatre.org.uk/</a> free online productions to watch at home
Music	<a href="#">Myleene's Music Klass</a> on her YouTube channel everyday Gareth Malone's home chorus- <a href="https://decca.com/greatbritishhomechorus/">https://decca.com/greatbritishhomechorus/</a>
Dance / PE	Joe Wicks – PE with Joe - <a href="https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html">https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe-1254.html</a>
General	Ted Ed <a href="https://ed.ted.com">https://ed.ted.com</a> All sorts of engaging educational videos
Computer Programming	Blockly <a href="https://blockly.games">https://blockly.games</a> Learn computer programming skills - fun and free.

We would like to add that this year group has raised the bar for future years to follow and we feel privileged to have been a part of their journey. We look forward to sharing your child's success on 20<sup>th</sup> August when they receive the GCSE results. We would like to take this opportunity to wish your child all the best in their future endeavours.

As you know students from Copleston have always been inspired by the success of our ex-students. As part of our Alumni programme, we are keen to hear about your child's successes in the future so that we share this with the next generation of students.

We are keen that you share this message with your child. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support and guidance you have offered to your child throughout this journey.

With my very best wishes

Mr A B Green (Principal)