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Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you and your family are safe and well.

We are now two weeks in to the new summer term and I hope that your child/children, and you, have already noticed a positive change following the changes we implemented following the survey.

Some of you requested additional work. I have asked teachers to consider extension tasks within the work that they set in order to continue to stretch and add further challenge to the learning taking place. You will also notice on SMHW an introduction of 'flexible tasks'. These are tasks that contain additional helpful information, mentor tasks or an option for additional work. We request that students should not just dismiss them immediately just because they do not necessarily require work to be submitted, but rather they read all tasks and engage with as much as they are able to do.

Some students have mentioned to staff that there are aspects of home learning that they are struggling to get to grips with. As a result, Mr Riley and I have worked together on a presentation that should support this. It directly addresses some of the issues that have been shared with staff. We hope that you find it useful.

The link below will take you straight to the presentation on our YouTube channel. Please subscribe to our channel so that you are kept up to date as the new content is uploaded by staff.

<https://youtu.be/ywK1QouwLaA>

As mentioned in a recent letter, year 11 student will be contacted over the coming weeks by their colleges. We are aware that some have already started to do this, but Miss Lissoni will update you as soon as she has more information. It remains important that, along with all of our students, year 11 continue to work through this period to ensure that they are ready for year 12.

In other news, and as you may already be aware, Mr and Mrs Hale have given up a lot of their time during the Easter holiday in order to make hundreds of facemasks to support our NHS and care workers. Some of these masks have already been distributed to members of our own community, but the Hale's have produced some more as demand has been so high. If you are a key worker and would benefit from this free PPE, please can I ask that you contact us at school on adminteam@oakmoor.hants.sch.uk

We would need to know your name, where you work and how many masks you require. As I'm sure you can appreciate, the materials to make the masks are in high demand and we do not have an unlimited supply, but we would like to do all that we can to support our local community and members of our Oakmoor family, so please do get in contact if this is of benefit. Having had the fortunate task of delivering some of the masks myself, I am fully

aware of the gratitude and relief that so many keyworkers have felt on receiving the masks, so may I also take this opportunity to publically thank both Mr and Mrs Hale for all of their time on this project.

Finally, I have set a flexible task (shown as pink on SMHW) for Years 9, 10 and 11 students specifically relating to their levels of activity prior to the school being forced to partially close, their understanding of the importance of being active and their thoughts on their PE curriculum. Years 7 and 8 will have this set as a task in their next PE lesson. Please can I ask that you guide your child/children to complete this survey as it will help us to continue to develop our/their PE curriculum for the future.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/69M8CSR>

As always, thank you for your ongoing support throughout these challenging times. We wish you and your families good health.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A. Beere".

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