

Year 13 Weekly Update

Caludon Castle School

Monday 30 March 2020



Headteacher Update

Last week was a very strange week. Caludon Castle became two schools, one for key workers' children and the other a virtual school for all our students. We have a team of teachers, support and admin staff that have volunteered to be on the frontline of care for the children in Caludon. We should be so proud of their willingness to go the extra mile to enable this provision to continue. Like every workplace, we are experiencing challenges with changes to availability of staff.

We know that all of you will be adjusting to Caludon operating as a virtual school. Firefly, alongside other companies, have faced challenges with the unprecedented use of their services. We are constantly in contact with them and are reassured that the service will improve.

Staff, as you are, are beginning to adjust to new ways of working with you and the students. Please be patient with us as our ways of communicating with you become established.

Below is a link to information on our website that you might find helpful during this period of social distancing.

<https://www.caludoncastle.co.uk/news-and-events/coronavirus/>

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know our thoughts are with those who have been personally affected.

Take care,

Mrs M Marr and Ms A Dudgeon

Well-being

For parents and children: There will be all sorts of responses to the strange circumstances we all find ourselves in. Humans generally do not like the unknown or things they cannot control. It is important to try to understand both your own and others' feelings and behaviours in the situation. Tolerance, understanding and forgiveness all help in these difficult times.

Click [here](#) for a short questionnaire that will create a plan for you to support your mental health and well-being and/or click [here](#) for some ideas on home schooling. We will also attach some useful links to the school website and Firefly that you may find useful.

Caludon Staff are reaching out to you all to say we hope you are well and happy. Be resilient, learn what you can, and be kind to yourself and others. Play games on and off the computer, read, be mindful, talk, learn new things, help each other, be patient, have fun, stay safe and be well.

Learning

All faculties have set work on Firefly – below is an overview of any updates.

Science

Remaining teaching topics will be uploaded on Firefly as relevant power points as required for each science subject. Applied Science students should email their coursework to Mrs Robertson as an absolute priority. Please keep in touch with your class teacher should you have any specific questions or concerns.

Photography

If you are going to study Art or Photography next year, it is particularly important that you continue with your current project. Please check the weekly instructions on Firefly, and share your work (possibly on Powerpoint) with your teacher.

Sociology

Learning on Marxism should now be complete and you now need to complete work on Feminism. All work is set on Firefly.

Geography

Please continue with your NEA.

Art

Please continue with the exam unit checklist on Firefly as this will allow you to continue to be creative and develop your fantastic exam unit projects. Take this opportunity to be as creative as possible as it is also a fantastic chance to create another portfolio of work. We highly recommend that if you are doing an art, photography or design course next year that you work on these so that you can use these in future interviews. Please keep your exam sketchbooks safe, as these will be needed as evidence of what you completed to date in school.

If you need any further help, support or advice about individual tasks then please email your art teacher or Becka.

Maths

Please look on Firefly for a puzzle! Key work for this week: whilst working from home you will still be set assessments. These will be marked electronically and sent back to you.

Economics

Mr Handy is having weekly video lessons with the class and tasks are being set on Firefly.

French

Please continue with the work set on Firefly.

Psychology

Miss Roberts says listen to Radio 4 because it's the best! Well, at least listen to podcasts of matters of the mind which obviously are Radio 4 made. Keep learning because psychology rules even without exams!

Year team update

Hello Year 13

Hope that everybody is feeling well and you have managed to safely enjoy the sunshine! We know that everything feels very unsettled at the moment so we hope you are managing to keep busy and stay positive. Obviously it is in your best interests to keep your brain active and continue to study, particularly if you are going to university this year. On Firefly there is a document about university reading lists which has ideas about books, websites and TV documentaries to help to prepare you for your chosen course. We will keep you updated with any developments from the exam boards once we know more.

With regards to UCAS, please check your emails regularly and make sure that you reply to your offers by the date that you have been given. There is more information available on this link.

If you haven't registered for student finance, please do so as soon as possible. Instructions on how to do this have been set for you on Firefly. This link provides more information and answers some common questions relating to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Stay safe everybody, look after each other (from a distance!) and please get in touch with us if you have any questions.

Take care.

Mrs Carter, Mr Handy, Mrs Slack, Sharon, Sharon and Tracey

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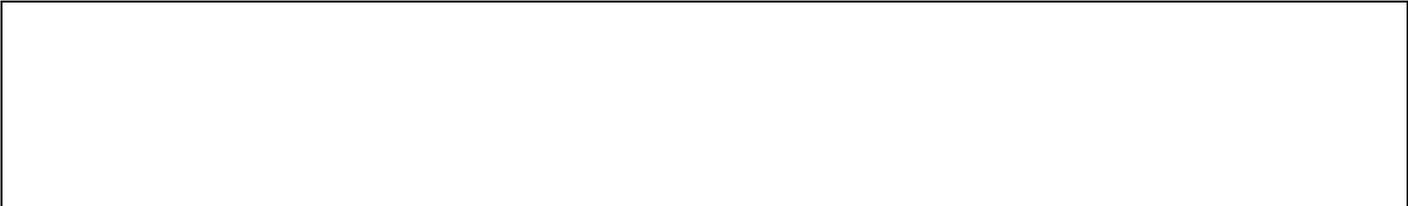


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