

Tuesday 27th April 2020

Dear Parent,

I hope this email finds you and your families well.

As part of our attempts to ensure all our students are fully supported in these challenging times, I am emailing all parents of Year 11 students to make you aware that both the English & Maths departments will be setting some GCSE 'Keeping in Touch', or 'KIT' work, on SMHW, which will be posted and available from today (Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April).

This work is primarily aimed at supporting any student that was working at or around Level 3-5 in these subjects, as it is hugely important for many students future ambitions, to achieve a Level 4/5 in English and Maths in order to access the next stage of their educational journey (and ultimately, not have to retake this again next academic year, as are the current government requirements).

As you are probably aware, students will be 'awarded' grades based on a number of factors, such as teachers' professional judgement of the grade they would likely have achieved in the summer, had the COVID-19 outbreak not happened. Clearly, this will be based on a number of factors to ensure it is as accurate and fair as possible. We felt it important that students are able to access work in these subjects, primarily in the event that the grade they are awarded is not what they want or need for their next stage of education. They will of course have the opportunity to sit an exam in the next available examination window and then have both grades available to them. Therefore they will need to prepare for this and we want to support them in case this is required. However, if they would simply like to keep things 'ticking over' in these subjects, then this work is still worth accessing!

So, as of today, all Year 11 students will be set some KIT (Keeping in Touch) work on SMHW, by the English & Maths Departments. Students will receive notification of this on today, when it flashes up on their mobile devices, in line with how SMHW functions and they are familiar with. This email is to ensure you, as parents, are aware that this is happening and informed of the reasons, and also able to help clarify with your son/daughter if they should access this work. Basically, if a student is uncertain if they will have secured a Level 4 or 5 in either subject, they should access and complete this work, just in case they will need it in a few months' time.

The English and Maths departments will be available via email should students need to contact them, for example if they have a question about any of the work, or perhaps require some feedback on a piece of work they have attempted – Mrs French ([ifrench@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:ifrench@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk)) or Mrs Chambers ([kchambers@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:kchambers@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk)) for English concerns, or Mrs Holt ([kholt@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:kholt@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk)) for Maths.

I hope this makes sense and is positively received, as this is the intention.

Please do get in touch with me ([afox@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:afox@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk)) if you have any queries about this.

Best wishes,

Adam Fox