

12th May 2020

Dear Year 10 Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

We are very mindful that whilst the school is out of bounds for most children, your daughter will be missing a significant amount of teacher directed learning. As a result, we understand there may be feelings of anxiety and I imagine that you may be concerned about the impact this may have on her education.

As this year group will be the next to go through their exams, and now with a reduced amount of schooling time, I want to reassure you that a lot of work is currently underway to create a strategy to support your daughter. A significant part of this strategy is an initiative called 'Step Up Now'.

We know that there may be challenges you are facing to effectively support and guide your daughter to work from home. One of the ways that you can help is to encourage your daughter to access the work by visiting the school website. This will help to ensure that all students are accessing the work that is being set consistently.

Your daughter has a weekly live learning timetable on our school website; see the link below: <https://www.theportsmouthacademy.org.uk/parental-information/live-learning/>

To access live learning opportunities with her teachers, your daughter will receive invitations via her school email. All she needs to do is accept any invitation and make sure she clicks the link to join the meeting on her Teams calendar.

If you have any issue with access to school email account, which links to Teams and Show My Homework, please use the logon reset form at the top of the live learning page.

In addition to live learning, there is also a live drop in session for Year 10 with their Deputy Head of Year, Mrs Usher, every Wednesday at 11am. I would love to see as many students as possible joining this session so they can maintain that all-important contact with the school and, of course, their friends.

Finally, your daughter still has access to GCSE Pod, which is an external learning platform. The site has exam specific material to extend her studies in all of her GCSE subjects. Teachers are also using GCSE pod to set precise work to support your daughter.

Thank you for your support. Please contact me directly via my email address, H.Piper@TSATrust.org.uk, if I can help with anything.

Yours faithfully,



Miss H Piper
Head of Year 10