

“To Know
To Care
To Live”

Thursday 7 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Pastoral Care & Support During School Closure

We are more than aware of the stresses, strains and anxieties that the most recent government announcement has brought. It is important you know that, as a school, we have not been getting any advance notice and are hearing announcements at the same time as everyone else, more often than not, giving us very little time to respond and adapt. That said, we are more than happy with the way our young people have responded and it has been wonderful to see so many students engaging positively with their online lessons via Microsoft Teams. It has also been lovely to receive so many heart-warming messages of support sent into school from so many parents/carers this week about our online provision and how their respective child(ren)/ward(s) have been so positively engaged. Thank you for this. It means a lot to every single member of staff.

As well as the academic approach we are taking, which has been set out in a previous letter, we also wanted to communicate how we will be responding to this awful situation we find ourselves in from a pastoral support point of view.

From week commencing 18th January, students will be invited to a weekly form tutor lesson so that staff can check in with their form, share information and address any specific questions or concerns that may arise. There will also be a fortnightly whole-year assembly led by each Head of Year and Pastoral Support Manger. We are hoping that both of these sessions will provide an excellent opportunity to celebrate all of the fantastic work that is going on, so parents/carers - please feel free to send in any photos or anecdotes that can be used and shared!

We have lots of resources on our website dedicated to wellbeing:

altrinchamcollege.com/pastoral-care/wellbeing

and also Safeguarding:

altrinchamcollege.com/pastoral-care/safeguarding

Here you will find numerous links and resources covering all manner of topics such as anxiety, stress, trauma, sleep etc. We hope you find these useful should you feel the need to access them.

Routine remains important. Where possible, please support your child/ward to endeavour to stick to their normal school day routine; this will help immensely when we are able to welcome students back into school.

On top of all of these things, you can always contact any member of staff here in school via email. The first port of call for any general matters should be the Form Tutor or a specific class teacher if it is an academic query. A full list of staff email addresses can be found here: altrinchamcollege.com/information/covid19



However, for ease, a few key pastoral contacts are listed below:

Role	Member of Staff	Email Address
Head of Year 7 & 8	Mrs Wagstaff	GST@altrinchamcollege.com
Pastoral Support Manager Year 7	Mrs Waring	MWG@altrinchamcollege.com
Pastoral Support Manager Year 8	Mrs Scholes	LSS@altrinchamcollege.com
Head of Year 9 & 10	Mr Guy	NGY@altrinchamcollege.com
Pastoral Support Manager Year 9	Mr Foreman	RFN@altrinchamcollege.com
Pastoral Support Manager Year 10	Mrs Sherry-Brennan	CSY@altrinchamcollege.com
Head of Year 11	Mr Hughes	SHS@altrinchamcollege.com
Pastoral Support Manager Year 11	Miss O'Brien	MON@altrinchamcollege.com
Head of Year 12 & 13	Mr Keegan	AKN@altrinchamcollege.com
Lead Tutor for Year 12 and 13	Mrs Brennan	KBN@altrinchamcollege.com
Designated Safeguarding Lead	Miss Diffley	SDY@altrinchamcollege.com

To our Students: we sincerely hope you continue to cope as well as you can with the restrictions under which we are all currently operating. We know that our students are brilliant and that you make your teachers proud each and every day. You are all still in control of your outcomes and, just like normal, now is your time to continue to shine, take control, make every lesson one of which you are proud, work hard and strive to do your best. Go for it! We are with you every step of the way.

Yours faithfully

A Eastwood
Assistant Headteacher

