

20th April 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

Summer Term 2020

There is no doubt that this is the most unusual start to the summer term any of us have ever experienced. I'm saddened that we are not in college, however it is clear that social distancing is having the desired effect in helping beat Coronavirus and it is important that we continue to play a vital role in this.

I am delighted to report that the Year 12 students have been responding to work set online in an excellent manner. In what are testing times and faced with some technical challenges, our student body have been fantastic at sustaining their approach to learning. This is incredibly important so that they have the best possible start to Year 13 and subsequent studies when we return to college. There is much speculation in the media about a return to college. Please be reassured that any re opening of our provision will be communicated to you directly as soon as we are able to – all of our guidance is taken directly from the Department for Education.

Typically, in the summer term we support our students with their next steps into higher education or employment. We will continue to deliver our careers support and guidance, with a significant focus on personal statement writing and preparation in the latter half of the summer term. Mrs Roberts will be leading on this and directing students with support in a variety of ways which will be communicated in due course. We are fortunate to support our students with the Unifrog platform and have been encouraging them to continue in their use of this. In the meantime, we continue to post information on two of our TEAMS Channels; 'Going to Uni' and 'Not Going to Uni'. Please encourage your son or daughter to keep checking these channels and exploring various opportunities.

Finally, I would like to thank many of you who have been in touch and thanked teachers for their work and commitment over the two weeks prior to Easter. This acknowledgement is much appreciated and all staff are working hard to ensure that students make progress. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties our end of term newsletter was not delivered to you, however I hope that you and your family are safe and well during this period of lockdown. If your son or daughter does need any additional help or support through this period, please do not hesitate to contact the college via our email address **contactus@mv16.org.uk**.

Yours faithfully



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