

Dear Parents,

With us now just about one week in to the Summer Term I wanted to update parents of Form VI pupils as to what opportunities are available to them at this moment.

Firstly, the **online courses** aimed at preparing pupils for the future, currently available for Form VI are:



Although these courses are taught online, a number of Dollar Academy teachers will lead pupils through the content and conduct discussion workshops at appropriate points throughout the course. Form VI pupils interested in taking advantage of any of these courses will be asked to sign up by the end of this week (Friday 24 April 2020), and will all be expected to start their chosen course(s) at the start of next week (with the exception of The Climate Solutions course, which will begin on 4 May 2020).

Form VI have been directed to a number of websites which offer MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), for more subject specific interests. Any pupil wishing to sign up for a more subject-specific course will be asked to fill out a Microsoft Form detailing the nature of the course and we will again endeavour to match up pupils with suitable teachers, who will lead discussions and tutorials based around their learning on these courses.

Form Tutor Group and Personal Tutors

Every Thursday morning Form VI pupils have the opportunity to engage with their **Form Tutor Group** and their **Form Tutor**, as part of an online Tutor Group session from 8:50am - 9:10am. This is optional for Form VI, but might be a good opportunity for any Form VI missing contact with friends and the outside world to catch up with members of their Form Tutor Group and, indeed, their Form Tutor.

In addition to this, Form VI pupils can expect their **Personal Tutor** to be in touch this week. They will be finding out how their tutees are engaging with the learning opportunities, weekly challenges, online events and webinars that are available to them. They will ask how their plans for the future are shaping up, how 'isolation' is treating them, what they want to

get out of this term etc. and just generally try to keep them motivated and engaged as the term progresses.

A Webinar A Day

We are also recommending a Webinar a day: something a little different that pupils might want to tap in to and/or try. Some of these Webinars have been created by guests we were inviting to Dollar for the Post-Exam Programme, others by Dollar Teachers and Parents, and some are hosted by Universities, Charities and a wide range of people from around the world. This week, the offering has been:



In addition to all of the above there are numerous other activities, learning opportunities, health and wellbeing resources, competitions and challenges on the Firefly pages. The resources for Form VI on these pages will continue to grow and develop.

Weekly Challenges

And, for a bit of fun, please ask your sons and daughters about the Weekly challenges; which last week was to record themselves reading a bed-time story for the Prep Pupils, and which this week is to record themselves singing the school song for a 'virtual' assembly. Please do encourage them to take part in these challenges.

I will be writing regularly to Form VI pupils (usually on a Friday) via their school email addresses with all the latest details, notices and opportunities. My Friday emails to Form VI pupils will be uploaded to the school website for your reference also.

Many thanks and all the best,

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