



Academy Closure Update @ Queensbury Academy



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Welcome to our first edition of the newsletter to keep you updated about key events and information throughout the period the academy is closed. Week Commencing 30th March 2020.

ONLINE LEARNING

Thank you and keep going

We have now been using the online Microsoft Teams system for a week and we would like to say a **HUGE thank you** to all of you who have simply had a go! Some of you have struggled and asked for further advice and others have managed to work things out, and have sent in some good quality work. Please keep going, it has never been more important for you to continue learning at home!

FOLLOWING THE TIMETABLE & TEAMS

Please keep checking our website for key information. There is a timetable to help guide you through a typical day to make the studying process easier and there is also a Key Stage 3 and 4 list to help support the learning process and location of resources. In addition, there is a guide to support logging on to Microsoft Teams, which is a simple guide to help pupils to log on to the interactive learning area. There is the opportunity to interact with teachers in the forum section, but the rules must be followed. All this information can be found on the website in the parent and pupil sections. Click on the links on the right to access each section. <https://queensbury-academy.fetrust.org.uk/>



Key Documents to access:

[Parent Section](#)

[Pupil Section](#)

[Timetable Key Stage 3 & 4](#)

[Key Stage 3 Support](#)

[Key Stage 4 Support](#)

[Microsoft Teams Guide](#)

[Reporting Technical issues](#)

[Online Safety](#)

ADVICE REGARDING SYSTEMS

TAKE IT SLOWLY! Open your 'assignment' when you receive it and READ all of the instructions **CAREFULLY and SLOWLY**. Read it again to make sure you fully understand what is being asked of you. Staff will attach all documents required. Normally, they should all be attached within the assignment message so you just need to open them. When necessary any additional documents to be read will appear immediately below the assignment message. Complete the tasks as best you can in the time that you have and try to follow your home learning 'timetable' (also included in this bulletin) **Do your best and complete as much as you can**. If you don't understand something, ask, or do it a little differently! Your teachers will understand. When finished, send your completed work to your subject teacher so that this can be marked/commented on and feedback given. You can do this by email or via the Teams' system and work can be typed or hand written.

FUTURE BENEFITS OF BEING INDEPENDENT



Research carefully; check your source material- is it reliable? Most importantly, be safe online.

Working (to complete work) independently will help you so much in your future studies. If you asked many of our older pupils today what they struggle with, they would probably say: independent learning, researching and identifying information on their own and focusing on their own. Well guess what? You are now getting the chance to practise these key skills which if you are in Years 7, 8, 9 or 10, will **MASSIVELY** help you with any future independent revision and ultimately exams. If you are now in Year 11, it will greatly help you to prepare for A-levels or other future studies where you will be expected to do much more work on your own!

YEAR 11 CEAIG GUIDANCE

There are significant numbers of pupils in Y11 who would have had a meeting scheduled to take place in the course of the next few weeks. It is really important to us that we continue to support your Post 16 choices and we will therefore be asking Connexions to conduct all remaining guidance meetings by telephone over the course of next few weeks. We will be asking Connexions to email your son/daughter directly via their school email address to give them a window of when they can expect a call from them. When a call is made to them to conduct the meeting, we will use the home number we have on file unless they advise us of an alternative contact number by return of email. Please direct any Post 16 -related queries to our email address:



CATERING PROVISION



If you have any questions please contact office@qa.fetrust.org.uk

@ Queensbury Academy as part of the Local Emergency Response for Bradford

As part of the Local Government's emergency response to the current COVID 19 situation, Queensbury Academy will continue to provide resources for pupils who are normally in receipt of free school meals. Food will be available, Monday to Friday as follows:

08.00 – 08.30 Breakfast – Bagel/Cereal

11:30 - 12:30 Lunch - a 'grab bag' containing a sandwich, tray bake and drink.

There is a hot canteen meal available on site.

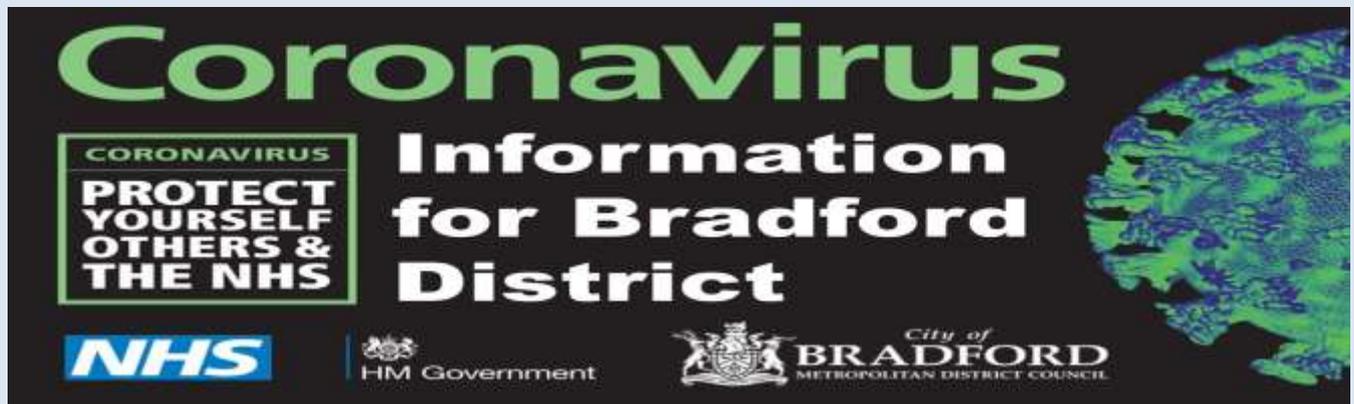
'Grab bags' are also available for pupils to take away for their tea if this is required.

Pupils wishing to take advantage of this offer will need to contact the academy to let us know you are coming and then wait at the Student Reception gate. In order to help us forward plan in terms of take up as we move onwards, please inform the academy as soon as possible as to whether your child will be using this service.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

It's not always easy to know what's safe online and what's not. Our advice can help you to keep safe and to know what to do when things go wrong.

[Click here to see our staying safe online PowerPoint.](#)



Play areas, play grounds and multi-use games areas across the whole of the district are closed, but some people are not getting the message.

Please be safe.

We are hearing of people ignoring the signs and tape put in place and using play equipment, multi-use games areas and congregating in parks. And we're also getting reports of people driving to beauty spots such as the Cow and Calf Rocks for picnics and to meet up with friends in groups. The message is clear - **avoid all unnecessary journeys** and **Stay At Home**. If people don't have a garden or access to outside space they should go as far as nearest park or greenspace, not venture further afield. Local parks should only be used for the sole purpose of daily exercise and not to meet mates; use equipment or play sports. People that live in the same house may go out together but should keep their distance from others. Groups of more than two people from different households meeting up are dangerous and not allowed.

KEEP IN TOUCH VIA TWITTER



Now more than ever before, it is important we remember we are all part of the same community and that we find any way we can to stay connected to each other. We will aim to send a parent bulletin once a fortnight (this being the first one), responding to frequent questions we have received, informing you of any developments that we are made aware of and sharing important updates with you. However, the best way you can stay up to date and in touch with us is by following our Twitter account @QburySchool on Twitter we post regular updates and share important information as it is received. We also share news and updates from our staff, including fun challenges they have been setting for our pupils to keep them busy whilst the academy is closed. We would also love this to become a forum through which you can share updates with us about how your children are spending their time during the closure period, celebrating any amazing work they complete, or posting hints, tips and tricks they may have for getting through the coming weeks at home.

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