

Dear Student

I hope that you are all well and that you enjoyed your Easter break. I understand that it may not have felt like a conventional break from school but it is important that during this unprecedented time that you continue to think about your own personal health and well-being. Work will continue to be set fortnightly, with the current work for weeks beginning 27.4 and 4.5 being available in the key documents section of the website then click on '**Work for all Year Groups/Yr 12 – Student work during school closure**'. A reminder will be set regularly on Assignment Manager. Please remember that if you are struggling to balance responsibilities at home with completion of school work that you let myself or Ms Brooks know so that we can offer some support and guidance. Please also ensure that you are communicating with individual Subject teachers.

- I notice that some of you have started to investigate the vast amount of useful information that **UNIFROG (www.unifrog.org)** has to offer, including advice on how to complete a UCAS personal statement. It really is worth exploring this site as it contains a wealth of other information to help you decide what your future options might be. Remember that if your circumstances allow, it would be useful if you could try to make a first attempt at a draft personal statement by Friday 22nd May. The following sites are also useful for this process:
 - <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/writing-personal-statement>
 - www.which.co.uk/money/university-and-student-finance/getting-into-uni/how-to-write-a-personal-statement
 - <https://www.optimisingfutures.co.uk/blog-1>
- **Coventry University** are also running a series of webinars which highlight the process of applying to University. To access these, please use the following link www.coventry.ac.uk/outreach
- If anyone has receipts which are for school related **bursary payments**, then you will need to email Ms Brooks (brooksa@pks.coventry.sch.uk) by the deadline of Tuesday 12th May. If you are unsure of what you are eligible to claim for then please make contact in advance of this deadline.
- Some of you may be interested in applying to the University of Warwick and if eligible would benefit from applying for the **Warwick Scholars programme**
Warwick scholars is a widening access programme for The University of Warwick, in other words it provides support and encourages local year 12 students in Coventry to apply to The University of Warwick.
Support offered includes:
 - Mentoring from undergraduate students
 - 1:1 online tuition for one of your A-Level subjects
 - Information, advice, and guidance around transition to Warwick.
 - Successful participants will also be eligible for:
 - 50% tuition fee discount throughout your degree.
 - Alternative offer up to 4 grades below the standard university offer.
 - A potential £2000 bursary per each year of study.If you are considering applying to The University of Warwick then this is an amazing opportunity, and there is a short application form online that you need to fill in. Unfortunately, not everyone is eligible to apply however we know lots of current year 12 students are. You can check your eligibility, find out more details, and start your application by following this link:
<https://warwick.ac.uk/study/outreach/whatweoffer/warwickscholars>
Deadline for applications is Sunday 31st May
- I am interested to know about your attempts at any of the challenges which were included in the '**Post 16 Easter Challenge**', or indeed any other challenges that you may have been taking part in. I know that several of you have made contributions to helping those who are less fortunate at this time or are having to self-isolate and that some of you have also been involved in activities in support of

the NHS. I would really like to collate this information to celebrate the character of President Kennedy Post 16, so please forward any pictures or write ups to myself and Ms Brookes. Unfortunately, my attempt at making 'Nutella Brownies' from three ingredients failed miserably when I burnt them to the bottom of my ungreased pan! I will be setting some additional challenges in the coming few weeks.

Please remember to keep in touch if you have any queries, concerns or uplifting stories relating to the challenges, I really am interested in knowing that you are safe and well. During this time, whilst keeping up to date with school work is obviously important, it is also crucial that you try to look after yourselves both physically and mentally. The following NHS link provides some useful tips and advice on coping during this time with the second point providing additional links to other groups that can support your mental health and well-being.

- https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-anxiety-tips/?WT.tsrc=Search&WT.mc_id=Corona&gclid=EAlaIqobChMIiazQ2uKI6QIVTuh3Ch3dqQRnEAYASAAEgKWQPD_BwE

Take care and stay safe

Mrs Wilkinson