

# THE MARVELL COLLEGE



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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

We hope that this letter finds you well. We certainly find ourselves in the most unusual and extraordinary of times!

At the moment we do not have any information regarding when the current situation will change and schools might re-open. When we do, rest assured we will be in contact with you.

From your conversations with our staff we know whilst many are enjoying the freedom that increased free time can bring, many families are finding the current lockdown tough. We like to think of the students, parents, carers and staff as the Marvell family. That "family" is very much still in place, and you should know that you are not alone, and our staff are available to support however we can. Please do get in touch if you think we can help.

In terms of free school meals, we are accessing the national voucher system. This replaces in school meals with a £15 supermarket voucher for families per week. The Local Authority continue to assess free school meals eligibility and we would urge you to check your eligibility. This can be done through the link below to Hull City Council. There is also a link on our website, click Parents and then School Meals. <http://www.hull.gov.uk/education-and-schools/schools/free-school-meals>

Part of our support has been to continue to send work out to students by post, so home learning can continue. We do hope you have found these useful.

In order to help facilitate more interaction, and direct support for students with their classroom teachers, we are looking to put additional resources for all students online. This is why in our most recent phone calls we have been asking whether you have internet access at home and a device on which students could complete work online.

**Families with internet access and a suitable device will no longer receive work by post from the week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Work for these students will be posted on line.** Do not worry if you do not have access to the internet or a suitable device, as we will continue to send work to you by post. If you are at all worried about the work, please do contact us through your Head of Year.

In order to access the work online you will need to go to an online platform called Class Notebook. Instructions on how to do this are attached to this letter.



This will require your school email address and password. Your school email will be in the following format

firstname.secondname-student@themarvellcollege.com

For example, john.smith-student@themarvellcollege.com

If you cannot remember your password or require any assistance at all, please contact your Head of Year who will pass your details to our IT support team. They will then contact you directly offering support as required.

**We would ask that students check their school email account as soon as possible so that we can solve any problems as quickly as we are able to.**

You may also have seen on our Twitter account (@TMCHull) and in the national news that a number of additional online resources are available to support home learning. Both additional resources offer daily lessons that students can access and are a good way to supplement learning. We recommend that you use the excellent approved Department for Education resources as detailed below:

BBC Bitesize. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Oak National Academy. <https://www.thenational.academy/>

We have also purchased an additional resource to support students with their literacy. You will be aware of the strong emphasis we place on literacy and reading at The Marvell College and the SORA online library is an excellent way to access a wide range of reading material.

Details of how to access SORA are attached to this letter and your personal login details are below

Barcode:

Password:

As highlighted at the start of our letter, whilst the majority of staff are working from home with a small number in school each day, we are still here to help and support families. If you have any worries or concerns at all, please do raise them in your regular contact with personal tutors, or alternatively contact the school by phone or email. We appreciate that often staff are calling from a withheld number, this is due to them working from home so we appreciate your co-operation and support in accepting these calls, giving staff the opportunity for staff to speak to you and also students.

Please stay safe.

Yours faithfully



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