

Easter Holidays - A word of thanks

The ENL UTC, would like to thank all parents, careers and students for your support over recent weeks.

We have done our best to keep everyone updated, with information coming through regularly from the Government and Department of Education. We have never faced anything like this before and never expected to have to switch to an online learning platform, almost overnight. It has presented its challenges and we are thankful for your patience and resilience whilst we have worked through teething problems. We hope that these are now resolved but please let me know your experience to date by emailing a.mccullagh@enlutc.co.uk. James our Network Manager, has put together a handy 'frequently asked questions' document to help (please see attached).

We are very proud of how our students have adjusted to this new routine and the work they have been completing over the last few weeks. I know as parents/carers you have been encouraging them every step of the way. Staff have been nominating students for outstanding contributions of work and dedication and many e-praise postcards were sent out both this week and last week. Excellent work!

Mental health and well-being remains our top priority over the up-coming weeks. Isolation will have its challenges for some students which is why we created our 'study at home' booklet, that I have attached to give them some handy advice on working at home. Annette our lead SEND, has put together a folder on the Virtual Learning Platform full of ideas for students. We will keep continue to add to this folder. Natalie, our Assistant Principal has put together our Easter Culture Passport competition (please see attached). It has challenges intended to support students and their families during isolation whilst maintaining social distancing measures. All they have to do is explain how they achieved the challenge and, where appropriate, to send pictures as proof on email.

On Thursday 9th, the clap for NHS, carers and key workers continues at 8.00pm and we would **love** to see pictures of students completing this with their families!

Easter is, for many of us, a time for a break so teachers will not be setting any work over the next two weeks. If students want to continue working, then they can work on any outstanding work on the VLE or use GCSEpod and Hegatty Maths for revision. However, our daily well-bring checks by tutors will continue over the break. We're only an email away if they need anything.

Whilst the academy remains closed for now, we are offering a very restricted opening for a small number of families, in line with the government guidelines. For the children of front-line critical key workers who are not old enough to stay at home, or no other childcare is available, and for some of vulnerable children. If you would like to access this provision, please enquire here oncall@enlutc.co.uk

We will write separately to parents and students in Year 11 and Year 13 now the government have finalised their plans for the awarding of qualifications this Summer.

All of our staff wish your families a safe and happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you in the near future.