



ABBAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear Year 10 Student

I hope this letter finds you and your family well in these exceptional circumstances.

You will already be aware that we made the decision on Monday evening to close our school for the foreseeable future to keep everyone in our school family safe. While the doors to our buildings are closed, staff continue to be available to support you with your online learning. Please do not hesitate to email us if you need help or support of any kind.

I also encourage you to do some daily PE from 9 – 9.30am by linking with Joe Wicks, The Body Coach, on his **YouTube** channel **The Body Coach TV**.

When you began Year 10 in September we did not expect that the year would come to an end so strange and unexpected. I hope that you have enjoyed your learning and new experiences so far.

There have been some great Year 10 highlights:

- You have high levels of attendance and punctuality
- The Rewards Assemblies for responsibility and respect where many people achieved the special certificates
- Fantastic Christmas exam results showing your hard work and dedication with many students attaining their targets
- You have taken on leadership roles on Student Council, as Health and Well-being and Anti – Bullying Ambassadors
- Pupils taking advantage of clubs in school and facilities of Monkstown Boxing Club
- You have been excellent ambassadors for our school at Special Assemblies, with Guest Speakers and during visits to Universities
- Some of you have already started your GCSE Maths journey and all classes have been working on LLW units needed for GCSE
- The success of the Boys Football team reaching the semi-finals of the East Antrim Cup



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- Both boys and girls played on teams in the NI Futsal Finals, having already had great success at local level.

I am really pleased that we were able to complete the Year 10 Options for next year before we had to close. Mr Laney, Mrs Mc Naghten and others are working away behind the scenes to plan for getting your classes and timetable ready for September.

I am also very impressed to hear of all the 'Keep safe' messages that Year 10 have sent to their teachers with their Google Classroom work. This means a lot to the staff working hard to keep learning up-to-date and reflects the caring and considerate nature of your year group.

Remember while you are at home it is important stay in a routine, giving yourselves time for breaks. You could also do some practical jobs around the house; put your HE skills to use and make someone a cup of tea and a snack. Help around the house with jobs and housework.

On your behalf I say a huge thank you to Mrs Turley and your Class Tutors for looking after you so well and when this virus passes the Abbey family will come together again to continue learning and sharing many new experience and opportunities.

Please pay attention to the advice to STAY AT HOME. Look after one another, help out at home and keep safe.

Yours sincerely

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