



ABBEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

24 March 2020

Dear Year 8 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 yesterday 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 became a member of the Abbey family 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 many new experiences and friendships so far. I have really enjoyed my hot chocolate and biscuits with some of you already and am so sorry that I can't do it with others for now.

There have been some great Year 8 highlights so far:

- You have great levels of attendance and punctuality,
- The Rewards Assemblies for responsibility and respect where many people achieved the special Class Tutor awards
- Fantastic Christmas exam results showing your hard work and dedication
- Many of you have enjoyed a variety of clubs and activities from various sports to Ukulele and Cookery
- You have taken on leadership roles on Student Council, as Health and Well-being and Anti – Bullying Ambassadors and members of Eco Club
- The fabulous castles many of you made in History
- The great success of the Boys Football team reaching the finals of the NI Plate
- Our first regular Rugby team that has been a great success

Remember while you are at home it is important to 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 Martin, Mr Watkins and your Class Tutors for



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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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