



ABBEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

27 March 2020

Dear Year 11 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 understand that you may be worried about some of your results and predicted grades for the summer. I want to reassure you that we are keeping in touch with all the examination boards and acting on their instructions. Staff will be in touch with you as further exam board guidance is made known to us. We will do everything that we can to make sure you get the results you deserve. Please make sure that you keep up with all your work at home, store it safely, either online or as a paper copy.

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

As your Year 11 has come to a strange and unexpected end, I want to remind you, that over the course of the year I have been so impressed with the way that you have made the transition into the Senior School and your studies at GCSE level. I hope that you have enjoyed your learning and new experiences so far. There have been some great Year 11 highlights:

- 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 and Anti Bullying Ambassadors
- Some of you have already achieved great results in your GCSE Maths modules and all classes have been working on LLW units needed for GCSE



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- The success of the Boys Football team reaching the semi-finals of the East Antrim Cup
- A very enjoyable Football trip to Liverpool
- Both boys and girls played on teams in the NI Futsal Finals, having already had great success at local level.

Remember while you are at home it is important stay in a routine. You could also do some practical jobs around the house, help with housework or maybe make someone a cup of tea and a snack.

On your behalf I say a huge thank you to Mr Kennedy 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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