



ABBAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear Year 9 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 9 in September we did not expect that the year would come to a strange and unexpected end. I hope that you have enjoyed your learning and new experiences. There have been some great Year 9 highlights so far:

- You have high levels of attendance and punctuality
- Fantastic Christmas exam results and results showing your hard work and dedication
- Many of you have enjoyed a variety of clubs and activities
- You have taken on leadership roles on Student Council, as Health and Well-being and Anti – Bullying Ambassadors and members of Eco Club
- The success of the Boys Football team reaching the semi-finals of the East Antrim Cup
- Both boys and girls played in the NI Futsal Finals, having already had great success at local level
- The girls in the Year 9 Netball team had a fantastic season. They worked really hard at training and were victorious in most of their fixtures against local schools. We look forward to their continued success next year
- Congratulations to the students who have been selected to take part in the Queens University Junior School Programme which will take commence next year.

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 Crawford and your Class Tutors for looking after

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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

M Quinn
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