**Important Message for Parents**

**and Students Working from Home**

We hope you and your family are all well. We would like to express how much we are all missing our students at Unity College. These are very difficult times and we are all trying to adjust our way of living the best we can. Many of us are parents and have experienced for ourselves the difficulties and challenges of trying to teach children at home. We hope that the work that we’re providing weekly on ShowmyHomework is helping with this and that some of you have found the suggested timetable helpful in providing a structure or routine to follow.

We know that families will be faced with many different and stressful challenges during the weeks ahead. We’d like to reassure all our parents and students that the work provided by our teachers is there to help. There are many different ways that students can continue with their learning at home and as teachers we are trying to provide tasks and resources that will complement this.

Obviously we would like as many students as possible to engage with and attempt the tasks set by teachers and your child’s subject teachers are on hand to help with any difficulties either via email or through ShowmyHomework (please only email teachers during school hours).\*

**However, each family’s circumstances will be unique and it is important to know that no teacher will be contacting home to chase up work from students and that any deadlines set are there as a guide only. There will be no consequences if students have not completed all the work set. We do not want to add unnecessary stress, pressure and anxiety at this time.**

Whenever your child does complete some work, they can send it to the class teacher and the teacher will provide feedback on the work – please allow at least a week for teachers to do this.\*

There are many excellent resources online ranging from educational YouTube videos to dedicated websites for each subject area. Many teachers will already have shared some of these with students; however, we’re asking all subjects to issue a list of subject specific sites on ShowmyHomework over the next week.

There is no expectation to continue with school work during the Easter break; however, given that your child will have a lot of time on their hands at home, we would suggest they continue with their daily learning routine via ShowmyHomework throughout this time. After the Easter break, teachers will be setting work on a weekly basis on ShowmyHomework.

**\*Please be aware that over the coming weeks teachers may be unable to respond if they become ill themselves. Therefore, if your child has asked for help and not received a reply after a couple of days, please contact another member of that department or alternatively contact Mrs Allen** **c.allen@unity.lancs.sch.uk** **or Mr Hemissi** **t.hemissi@unity.lancs.sch.uk****. Thank you for your continued support at this difficult time.**