



St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble' Psalm 46:1

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Dear Families

I hope you are keeping safe and well. I am writing to let you know that it is half term next week. Teachers will not be posting any new work into the google classrooms. This will be a time for your daughter to consolidate her learning and for all of us to have a rest from the intensity of this new way of learning and teaching. We will resume again on Monday 1 June 2020.

Recent government guidance confirmed that key stage 3 students (those in Year 7 to 9) will not return to school until September at the earliest. The plans for Year 10 and Year 12 are still being considered. Paramount to any return is the safety and wellbeing of staff, students and families especially for those groups within our wider school community who have been hardest hit by the virus. For now, students will continue to work from home.

The government has published further guidance for parents/carers on supporting home learning. You can access this information [here](#)

It has been nine weeks since schools closed and we have all had to adjust our lives in ways that we would not have expected or imagined. Our daily routines have changed, the way we interact with each other. As hard as things are now, we remain hopeful that there will be better times to come.

As a tactile nation we have moved to distancing and this has been very hard for all of us. We are all longing to hug our loved ones again. I am looking forward to the day that I can hug my elderly mum, as I think about this, I get comfort from listening to one of my favourite songs. The words are so moving and so poignant at this time, I would like to share some of the words with you. They are from a song called 'From a Distance' by Bette Midler. You can listen to the song [here](#).

*'From a distance there is harmony,
And it echoes through the land
It's the voice of hope
It's the voice of peace
It's the voice of every man
God is watching us
God is watching us from a distance.'*

We continue to pray and trust in God. He is watching us. He is with us. He is our refuge and strength and is the voice of love, hope and peace.

Have a safe half term and we continue to Stay Alert, to Control the Virus and Save Lives.

With every blessing

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