

Dormers Wells High School

MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Huge thanks for all of your support - we are really pleased to see so many students engaging with their online learning - keep it up.

Just a reminder the May Bank Holiday this year is on Friday, 8th May. There will be no online learning this day and the school site will be completely closed. I hope you enjoy the break even during the lockdown. Remember, online lessons resume on Monday 11th May 2020.

I am aware there is much speculation in the press about when schools will be reopening, or as is more likely partially reopening, and as soon as we have any more specific details I will share with you the school's planning to ensure all students and staff will be safe on site.

Online Learning: DWHS - Your Learning Schedule

I hope you have used the **Catch Up Week** to do just that and catch up with work your teachers have been setting. Remember you can use the [DWHS YouTube Channel](#) to support you in using Teams. Please click the link to visit the channel where you will find video tutorials to inform you and your son/daughter in how to make the best use of our online learning environment.

The next Learning Schedule begins on Monday 11th May, and can be found here:

- [Week 3 Your Learning Schedule](#)

To access the Learning Schedules from the last two weeks please click the links below:

- [Week 1 Your Learning Schedule](#)
- [Week 2 Your Learning Schedule](#)

Tutor calls

It is important for us at this time to see how are students are doing, therefore tutors calls will begin again on Monday 11th May. The aim of the call is to check you and your children are well and if you require any support from the school.

Year 12

We hope that Year 12 students are continuing to access Teams on Office 365 and communicating with their subject teachers regarding their work and with their form teacher regarding preparation for their application to university. Due to the current circumstances, we have decided that the planned Year 12 PPEs will not take place. The next exams and assessments for Year 12 will be in September, at the start of the new term.



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Support with learning resources

Some of you have asked for exercise books to record or write some responses. Whilst we are encouraging the use of online submissions, we are more than happy to provide any students exercise books if they so wish. If your child needs an exercise book, then please request by completing the online form [click here](#).

Free School Meals

Any family whose financial situation may have recently changed due to the events caused by the COVID -19 outbreak please contact the school and we can provide you with support in applying for Free School Meals. Please check the school website to check if your child is eligible [click here](#) for more information. If you require further support with this matter, please complete the [online form](#) stating you specifically need support with the FSM application.

Keyworkers, children with an ECHP and those that meet the vulnerable definition set by the Government

Presently the school remains open for all children of Key Workers, children with an ECHP and those that meet the vulnerable definition set by the Government. If you fall under this category and require a place for your son or daughter, please contact us by completing this form: [Click here](#)

Where to turn to for help

It's okay to not be okay. We all need someone to talk to sometimes. If you feel overwhelmed, at risk of abuse or experiencing financial need, there are people you can call on for support.

Organisation	Contact details
CALM - If you identify as male, call the campaign against living miserably Available 5pm–midnight every day	Telephone 0800 58 58 58
Helplines partnership , directory of UK helplines	www.helplines.org/helplines/ (link is external)
Kooth - Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people. Available Monday - Friday, 12pm – 10pm, Saturday - Sunday 6 - 10pm	www.kooth.com (link is external)
Mind - Call, text or email for signposting to support in your area	Telephone 0300 123 3393 Text 86463 Email info@mind.org.uk (link sends e-mail)
Papyrus - Under 35 and struggling with suicidal feelings, or concerned about a young person who might be struggling. Open weekdays 10am-10pm, weekends and bank holidays 2-10pm	Telephone 0800 068 4141 Text 07786 209 697 Email pat@papyrus-uk.org (link sends e-mail)



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<p>Samaritans - To talk about anything that is upsetting you Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year</p>	<p>116 123 (free from any phone) Email jo@samaritans.org(link sends e-mail)</p>
<p>SANeline - If you're experiencing a mental health problem or supporting someone else. Available 4.30pm–10.30pm every day</p>	<p>Telephone 0300 304 7000</p>
<p>Shout - In a crisis? Anxious? Worried? Stressed?</p>	<p>Text 'shout' for 24/7 text service support 85258</p>
<p>Somali Helpline Advice, family support, counselling, information and signposting Available Monday-Friday 4-9 pm</p>	<p>0800 542 6855</p>
<p>Switchboard - If you identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, you can call Switchboard, open 10am–10pm every day. Phone operators all identify as LGBT+</p>	<p>Telephone 0300 330 0630 Email chris@switchboard.lgbt(link sends e-mail) Webchat https://switchboard.lgbt/help/(link is external)</p>
<p>The Mix (under 25) open Sunday-Friday 2pm–11pm</p>	<p>Telephone 0808 808 4994 Webchat www.themix.org.uk</p>

We want to continue to work closely with all our students and their families. In this very different time we have found strength in working together. Please do stay safe and take care. Our thoughts are with you and your families.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh
 Headteacher



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