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Dear Year 10,

I hope that you and your families are well and that you have got back into the swing of working from home now that we are in the third week of Term 6. Well done for the brilliant work that you have been producing and hopefully you have got yourselves into some form of routine for working from home. If you ever experience difficulties, please let us know so that we can help. Remember we are here to support you. If you are struggling to upload work this guide should help:

<https://help.teamsatchel.com/en/articles/2912000-submitting-my-work-online>

As previously outlined you should only be spending the allotted time on each piece of work (45 minutes). Please continue to break up your day with something that makes you feel good. Now that we are able to exercise more frequently, I would really encourage you to keep active as best as you can. It's been great to hear and read the activities that you have been doing to keep fit and some of you have sent in some excellent videos and photos. Many of you will be starting to begin some form of social distance training with your clubs, which I know you will be looking forward to. My football club starts training next week, I'm not sure I'm quite ready for the fitness part of pre-season yet! Alongside playing tennis a couple of times a week, I've been getting out once a day for a walk or run and have been limiting my PlayStation to 45 minutes a day. For those of you that are interested I have made it into Division 1 on online co-op seasons with my brother. It has sometimes been a struggle playing with my brother, but playing with France and having Mbappe up front certainly helps! The sports fans amongst you might be looking forward to the return of the Premier League. I was secretly hoping that Liverpool might not get to lift the title, but it looks inevitable now.

Speaking to families and other teachers, it has been lovely to hear how some of you are keeping in touch, through social distance exercising or watching films/playing games online with others.

Your teachers continue to keep me informed of how you are getting on and it has been excellent to hear of and see your fantastic work. Many of you have produced some incredible pieces of work and you may have been rewarded by receiving an Outstanding Work certificate, this makes me really proud, so keep it up. For those of you that might be struggling with some of the work, I ask that you try your best and attempt to at least submit some work from the task, even if you are unable to complete it.

Please see below some messages from some of your teachers

10A- Mr MacDonald

Hello 10A. I hope you are well and it is great to see that so many of you have engaged positively with the tutor time resources which have been set up by Mr Reader, Mrs Christmas and others. I know many of you will be in this week and next and I look forward to seeing some of you. Keep working hard and keep safe.

10H- Mrs Hahn

Hello 10H. I have been really impressed by the positive attitude you have had during this difficult time and the excellent work you have been producing, I know that you have been doing your very best. I look forward to seeing you all in the near future. Stay safe!

The **English** department have told me that they are so proud of all of Year 10 for the fact you have worked hard on An Inspector Calls and now know the plot, purpose and context. It was great to learn that you have essentially managed to do a key part of the curriculum at home with support from teachers at a time when things are so different to normal. A lovely message to receive, so well done to all of you!

Mrs Christmas and the **Science** team have told me that they have been wowed by your continued hard work and enthusiasm. They are loving marking your work and seeing what you have been doing so please keep submitting it! That makes me really pleased to read and proud of you all!

The **Maths** department have said that it has been great to welcome Year 10 back for the face to face sessions that support our online work. The focus at the moment is to consolidate work on algebraic methods ready for Year 11 curriculum work. Well done to those students really engaging well with Maths Watch and Mymaths work.

A reminder that this is an important time of your school life and it has been wonderful to see that many of you have increased your efforts to not waste the great work you have put in to the first half of Year 10. Remember that some of the work you produce could go towards your final GCSE grade, so please make sure you are doing the best you can. Finally, you have now received communication about the opportunity to return to school. This will feel a bit strange and you will undoubtedly have questions or queries about the impact of this lockdown on your education. I want you to know that we will continue to do our best to support you in every way that we can. If you are able to come into school, I know it will be great for you to see friends that you have not seen for a while, but please make sure you stick to the social distancing rules. If you are unable to come in, your teachers will continue to teach lessons online.

I'll leave you with a few extra time-passing ideas to boost your energy and self-esteem during the remainder of this term:

- Think of a cooking ingredient you have never tasted. Find and cook a recipe with it for your family – who knew how tasty sriracha sauce was on practically anything?
- Read up on the rules of a sport you've never understood and finally get your head around it – celebrate by watching classic matches/record breaking moments on YouTube.
- Plan and host a quiz for your friends/family on things you've learnt through SMHW this term and invite them to take part on Zoom - It's nice to show off your knowledge and be the expert.

Stay safe and take care,



Mr Boddy – Head of Year 10