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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you, our students and your families safe, well and healthy. I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some details of how we have adapted our pastoral provision during these times.

### **Pastoral Contact**

Heads of Year and Tutors continue to be the main contact point for students and parents. Tutors are engaging with students on a weekly basis either by email or on Microsoft Teams. Heads of Year (HOYs) have been meeting with their year groups online every week and have been sending weekly newsletters. These newsletters contain information on our Theme of the Week and Victory Citizenship curriculum alongside celebrating weekly student learning and engagement. Students are continuing to receive Victory Citizen points on Behaviour Watch and we have also introduced virtual postcards which staff will be sending via email to students. If you do have any concerns regarding your child's learning or welfare, the first point of contact should be their HOY.

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### **Theme of the Week - Victory in Europe Day**

Our Theme of the Week programme has continued, and each week information regarding the theme is shared with the students by HOYs and tutors. The weekly newsletter also contains a weekly challenge for students. As we head into the Bank Holiday weekend, our theme this week has been Victory in Europe Day (VE Day). Students have been challenged to create bunting to display outside their houses. Do head over to our twitter page where you will find some examples of what students have been up to. [www.twitter.com/theva\\_chatham](http://www.twitter.com/theva_chatham)

Next week our Theme of the Week is National Walking Week - #Try20. We will be challenging students to take part in a 20-minute walk each day. Students can share their achievements with their tutors and HOYs. Particularly at this time it is important that students look after both their physical and mental health and safe exercise is a key way they can do this.



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### Relationships and Sex Education

Next academic year as a school, we are re-writing our Relationship and Sex Education Policy in line with updated statutory guidance from the government. As part of this, we want to gain the views of parents on the proposed new curriculum. On the front page of the website you will find a copy of our new draft policy for RSE and a short survey that I would kindly ask you to complete by the 20<sup>th</sup> May deadline. The survey can be found here - [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/D7NPJ2B](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/D7NPJ2B)

### Microsoft Teams Live Support Sessions

On occasion, it may be necessary for a teacher to have to cancel a scheduled live support session.

If a teacher needs to cancel a live support session for any reason, they have been asked to let students know as soon as they are able to. The cancellation will come through via Teams and students will receive an email notification. Your child will also receive an email letting them know. They will not necessarily be told of the reason for the cancellation.

On occasion, it will not be possible for teachers to let students know in advance that they need to cancel a session, for example if the teacher is experiencing issues with their internet connection or computer access. In this case, we will do all we can to communicate with your child as soon as possible to let them know, and alternative work will be provided.

### Year 13

For Year 13 students, remember to check our weekly Year 13 newsletter, published on our website, in which there is a range of advice and guidance. Please also check our website from 2pm onwards on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, as we will be making available subject-based activities to help prepare students for the next stage in their education or career journey. These are not compulsory, but are designed to support Year 13 students during these unusual circumstances. We do recommend that students make use of these.

Many thanks for your continued support, and very best wishes to you and your families.

Yours sincerely

Mr Owen  
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