22 June 2020

Dear Year 9 students, parents and carers,

I hope you had a lovely weekend, welcome to week nine of online learning. I'm so impressed with the way you are independently managing your learning and completing your assignments. We understand it can be difficult to stay motivated after many weeks away from school but I'm very proud of your hard work. Thank you for being patient whilst staff have been working hard to finalise your GCSE Options, I'm pleased to say your parents and carers were emailed the option subjects you will study in Year 10 on Friday afternoon.

We are always here to support you if you need us, whether that is to complete your work or to discuss your wellbeing. Although the lockdown is easing and we can start to interact more with family and friends, we fully appreciate this is still a very difficult time and we understand you may need some guidance. Please post a message on the Team chat if you need any help from your subject teacher to complete your assignments. If you feel you are struggling with any aspect of your mental wellbeing please email info@wsfg.waltham.sch.uk, and we will contact you to offer support.

The Government announced last week that they want all students in all schools to return in September. It seems a very long way off, but I am looking forward to welcoming you back after the summer holidays. The Government also announced a £1 billion catch up package which will go to schools in England to help with extra resources and tutoring so that no students fall behind. I know many of you are concerned about the time you have missed and the impact this may have on your future education, but we will do everything we can to ensure you are fully prepared for your GCSEs.

Here is the Speakers for School schedule this week - [VTALK Schedule](https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/upcoming-vtalks/)  Speakers include a top celebrity hair stylist, an Oscar nominated writer and director, and the UK/EU General Manager of TikTok. Please consider taking the time to watch some of these if you can.

The WOW Global 24 Online Festival taking place this weekend. WOW is 'Women of the World', a charity working to build a global movement celebrating women and girls, exploring obstacles they face and discussing solutions for change. The worldwide online festival this weekend has been created in response to the deprivation and inequalities brought about and exacerbated by Covid 19.

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| [The WOW Foundation – Women of the World](https://thewowfoundation.com/)The WOW Foundation. The WOW Foundation is a charity working to build a global movement celebrating women and girls, taking a frank look at the obstacles they face and discussing solutions for change. Its WOW Festivals and events take place year-round across around the world.thewowfoundation.com |

I hope you have a great week and enjoy the beautiful weather we are going to have. I will catch up with you all at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday for our weekly Tutor Time.

Take care

Ms Warren

Student Progress Leader Year 9