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Dear Learners, Parents/Carers,

Ref: Home Learning 2020

As the college continues to work remotely following the latest guidance from the Government with a further review being planned in 3 week's time, the college will observe the instructions to stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.

The college will continue to support learners and families following the Easter break which I hope everyone enjoyed. Please see the updates on the website to see what learners got up to. A further supply of home learning packs were mailed last week to all learners and for those learners who have previously struggled to access the online learning platforms, the college delivered laptops direct to learners' homes last week to solve this issue.

Teachers have completed all the marking of the work learners have returned and they provided feedback last Friday in their college/home calls on the outcomes of the tasks finished so far. We will be today sending out a sample of photographs of the marking for learners to see their teachers' comments. Well done everyone for an outstanding effort.

Just a few reminders of activities you can still access:

Virtual learning via 'Whats App' with our teaching staff is available every day between 9am & 3pm. If you want to continue learning this week and you want to book a teaching slot, please contact Kerry or Sam on their numbers below.

There is also still access available to activities on www.wizardingworld.com for learners who may be interested in Harry Potter.

If parents want to catch up with other parents, there is the 'Group' page on the college facebook page. This helps you to keep in touch with each other and share experiences.

Teaching staff are still available Monday to Friday this week between 9am and 3pm for learners/parents and carers who are continuing their learning on:

Stuart Vaughan, Head of Curriculum- 07903513057

Kerry Richardson, Functional Skills Co-Ordinator- 07919168566

Samantha Everatt, Teacher- 07900043137

If you have any queries regarding welfare or support, please contact Mel or Sharon at any time:

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I hope everyone will join together on Thursday this week in clapping for all our careers as we thank all front line workers for their contribution to keeping us safe.

I've been inspired this week by the enormous effort of Captain Tom Moore and his resilience as he approaches his 100th Birthday. The money he has raised for his 'Good Cause' is an outstanding achievement.

I'd like to request that we all complete our 100 laps of our gardens, drives or open space safely of course, and send in our pictures so we can create our own unique very special birthday card with a montage of all our pictures for him as a tribute to his achievement as his birthday is at the end of this month. If parents would like to join in and be part of this everyone is welcome.

If anyone has a device where you can count your steps this would be a good opportunity to compare how many steps you complete compared with other learners if you want to let us know how you get on, we'll create a chart for everyone to see.

Anyone who feels like making their own card for Captain Tom Moore can also have a go at doing this and if you send in your creations we will send on a photograph with our Ridge Birthday card.

Please send all your pictures, card creations and any comments you would like to be included in Captain Tom Moore's birthday card from 'The Ridge' by Friday this week to info@theridgecollege.co.uk.

We would like to thank you for all your support at this unprecedented time. If we can do more to help please let me know. We will be continuing our college to home calls every Friday but are available during the week for any concerns. We hope that everyone is staying safe ready for our return to classroom sessions, which we will do as soon as it is safe to do so.

Best wishes to all our families at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

Melanie Atkin
Head of College