



Edwinstree Middle School

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Student News

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Dear Year 7 Student

Congratulations, I am so impressed that despite being out of school for such an unbelievably long time, you continue with your learning by keeping going with work online or via hard copy. We are so impressed with your resilience and the maturity you have shown throughout this time, but we are really missing your smiley faces, your sense of humour and the fact that we know you are going to be an amazing Year 8 group!

We are just waiting to hear what the Government plans are for September, then we will get busy planning for what the school may look like while social distancing remains in place. We know that it is likely to involve some learning at home and some learning in school, but we are clear that your year group, along with the new Year 5, will be our priority students to return in September. We can't wait!

In the meantime, the teachers and I have all been navigating the new world of teaching online and for me, this has meant trying to catch up with the 21st Century and the new way of working! Last week we carried out a TEAMS meet as a school and we completed a COWO together via the internet, in our separate classrooms. We explored the value of Koinonia and how this might help us to understand the 'Black Lives Matter' campaign. Many of us have been moved, disturbed and upset by what has been happening, but all of us want to share in the knowledge that racism is utterly intolerable in the 21st Century.

This week we are going to complete a second COWO on the theme, and we are inviting all students at home to join us, if you would like to. I will send a link on Tuesday morning via SMHW, so you can log in to the 'LIVE' COWO from 1:30pm. If you would like to see what we are up to and to share ideas and thoughts via the chat facility, hopefully that will be available. Please look out for the SMHW notification on Tuesday.

Early next week, I will be inviting you to apply for a Year 8 Leadership role and any student in Year 7 can apply. We don't set what the roles are, you can let us know what you would like to lead on, but we do require you to write a short application letter explaining which values you best represent within the school and the role you would like to take on. The diversity (mix) of roles has grown each year. Here are some examples of what different Year 8 Leaders held, this might inspire you to follow in their footsteps or you may have your own ideas.

- Sports Leader
- Learning Zone Leader
- Fullness Day Leaders
- Breakfast Club and Homework Club Leader
- Pro-social Behaviour Leader
- Subject Leader
- Reading Leader

The invite for applications will come via Parentmail next week, just like this letter. We look forward to hearing from you and there is no limit to the number of Year 8 Leaders we can have in school!
Stay safe

Jo Gant
Headteacher

*As a Christian school we recognise the unique and wonderful in everyone.
As a community we support one another to flourish and live life in all its fullness.*