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Assalamu Alaykum WRWB

Two weeks have lapsed since Greenacre Secondary began delivering the curriculum through remote learning. The students have responded well and adapted to the changes. Students continue to receive work via email and through the Microsoft Teams platform. I would like to sincerely show my gratitude to the parents for their support in assisting the school in its efforts to setup and implement the remote learning structure. The parents' efforts at home contributes immensely in making the remote learning as successful as possible.

Parents and teachers are starting to hear words they never thought they would such as "how much they miss school" from their children and students. The current situation is not ideal, but our students and community are not alone. This is a worldwide phenomenon. Governments and schools are doing as much as possible to provide ongoing education. I encourage all students and especially Year 12 to stay committed, calm and consistent with their leaning. We don't know which shape this year's HSC will take but rest assured students will be looked after.

Curriculum

Year 12 students started Mock HSC trials on Monday 30th March. English was the first paper. Students will receive the papers on the scheduled day of each exam through Microsoft Teams. Students should be completing them under exam conditions. Students will then have a period in which to return the completed papers for marking and feedback. These are valuable opportunities for students to practice examination conditions and receive feedback on content covered to date.

Years 7-10 students began using Microsoft Teams from Monday 30th March. Live lessons, ease of interaction with their teachers, ability for students to submit completed work directly to their teachers and then receive feedback are some of the functions and capabilities of this platform. Even though all official assessment tasks for years 7-10 have been postponed, students should submit completed work to their teachers when requested to do so.

The school holidays begin on Friday 10th April. I would like to encourage all parents to keep in mind that the two weeks are not an extension of the Term. Even though it will not be holidays as we are accustomed to, please encourage your child to relax and wind back. Encourage physical activity and push them to undertake some hobbies of interest to your child. Push them to read, there are some excellent books out there, that reinforce resilience and overcoming obstacles in tough times.

Remote Learning – Staff efforts

Staff have been amazing in their efforts to upskill, prepare online work and deliver online lessons. A special mention to the IT staff for the long hours they have put into this setup, training teachers and students and the ongoing support they provide to all stakeholders using the remote learning platforms.



Every effort has been made by our amazing staff to communicate with your child to ensure their well-being and to gather any concerns your child may have surrounding the lessons that have been delivered. The well-being of your child is extremely important to us. The School Counsellors and Heads of Wellbeing have put together tips and suggestions of good study practices, including exercise for your child. These have been emailed to parents. Other parenting tips from our School Counsellors have been placed on the school website. Our school Sheiks are here to provide support and have uploaded messages referencing the current difficult time and providing spiritual advice.

Living through this unprecedented event, one of the biggest and important lessons students are learning right now, which is not taught in a classroom or learnt from any textbook is called resilience. As Muslims we must be patient in times of adversity and be reminded to always say Alhamdulillah.

I remind parents that School remains open. We will assist parents with any requests or concerns. We welcome any suggestions and feedback for our Campus. Ramadan Mubarak in advance to all and Inshallah the month brings many blessings to the whole school community.

Regards,

Yours Sincerely

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