



29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your family are staying safe and enjoying the lovely weather. Mr Morgan (Head of Technology) continues to work with staff in St Mark's and have produced over **5000 Visors** for Health Care workers and local schools. We are very proud of the Visor Team's efforts and to all our staff who are working behind the scenes to ensure this project runs smoothly.

We are very proud of all our Past Pupils and family members who are working for the NHS and are protecting us every day and continuing to save lives.

**Your daughter is in Year 11 and will be completing her GCSEs next year. As yet we are unsure how CCEA and other Awarding Bodies will calculate your daughter's final grades in August 2021 however what we do know is that your daughter should be continuing to engage with her teachers and completing all work that is set.**

Please encourage your daughter to complete at least **3 hours work** each day so that she doesn't fall behind in her studies even though she is not in school.

It is so important that your daughter stays in touch with her teachers and completes all work to the best of her ability. If she doesn't understand something she should email her teacher for clarification. Our teachers are only too glad to help the girls during this challenging time.

Every year we normally issue Year 11 Summer Reports in early September however we will not be issuing a report this year as Year 11 pupils will not have completed any assessments or GCSE Modules.

At this stage I do not know what is happening in September, as all schools are awaiting further guidance from the Department of Education however we continue to put plans in place for our return to school. The health and safety of all our staff and pupils are of paramount importance to us. I will keep in contact with you as and when I receive guidance from DE.

Once again, I want you to know that while we are not physically in the school building we are still here for all our families. If you have questions please do not hesitate to communicate through the school email address [info@stmarys.newry.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stmarys.newry.ni.sch.uk) and either Mr Fitzpatrick or myself will respond.

I wish you and your daughter well over the coming weeks.  
Best wishes and please stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Miss D Crawley  
Principal