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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your family had a lovely Easter.

Our staff continue to source PPE for parents and friends of St Mary's who work for the NHS. Over the Easter period we donated acrylic to the Abbey Grammar School who are currently making and supplying local health care settings with PPE. Mr Morgan (Head of Technology) is currently working with staff in St Mark's and have already produced 20 Face Shields for NHS staff.

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 (for example, the Science Modules may still be going ahead in November). Many teachers have informed me that there are a number of Year 11 students who are not logging on to Showbie or Google Classrooms and are not completing any work.

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.

All information in relation to Showbie and Google Classroom Codes, instruction guides and KS4 study timetable can be found on the School App, Parent Information, Home Revision/Learning from Home.

The teachers will be putting work on Showbie, Google Classrooms or email regularly and your daughter needs to check the online platforms every morning.

If your daughter has completed all her work that has been set before her 3 hours are over, she should be encouraged to visit the BBC Bitesize Daily on www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (daily lessons starting today) or read a book.

Mr Fitzpatrick and I will be contacting some parents over the next few weeks to find out how our pupils are coping with their online learning and to show our support to you during these unprecedented times. 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 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



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