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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all had the opportunity to view the John Willmott YouTube channel by now <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd7tDwoiDSL0iPIM4NH9YwA>. It has been exciting to watch the development of the channel and see how many views we are getting on a daily basis. If you have not yet had the chance please do take the time to have a look. We are uploading weekly reflections in place of our normal assemblies and the staff have provided a range of book reviews. Students can still send in their own book review which can be uploaded onto the channel if they wish. One student currently has 265 views, one of the most viewed clips, receiving house points and a prize in the post. I am looking forward to receiving some more.

This week we have been adding information for our Year 6 students who will be joining us in September. They also have a book review competition with prizes and we received the first entry within a day so I am looking forward to watching the rest. This is a challenging time for all, but more so for Year 6 who are unable to visit us as they normally do to have a taster day, meet their teachers and walk around the school. In place of this they have a virtual tour of the building and some information from the leadership team so that they can be as ready as possible without visiting us.

We have received some fabulous entries into the music department's competition and again these have some of the highest viewing statistics. I would encourage any student with a talent to submit a video to share, whether this be of them playing an instrument, singing or dancing. We are also awarding house points for students who are submitting work to their Heads of House.

All students should have completed their assessment activities at home over the last 2 weeks. Please remember there are email addresses where students can submit any subject queries they have, or if they need support with a topic. As a reminder I have listed these below along with the email addresses for the Heads of House.

mathsstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
sciencestudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
geographystudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
restudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
businessstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
musicstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
artstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk

englishstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
mflstudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
historystudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
socialsciencestudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
technologystudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
pestudents@jws.bham.sch.uk
dramastudents@jws.bham.sch.uk

hurricane@jws.bham.sch.uk
wellington@jws.bham.sch.uk

spitfire@jws.bham.sch.uk
lancaster@jws.bham.sch.uk

The next round of work packs have been posted home for all students but in addition please do not forget the online lessons available on The Oak Academy. There is further information on our school website as well as a video on YouTube explaining how to access these resources.

A further reminder from me that if your circumstances have changed recently you may be able to claim free school meals. The details about how to do this are on our school website. If you go <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham/> you should receive a response quite quickly.

Please then advise us via the school enquiry email address enquiry@jws.bham.sch.uk or contact the school by phone and leave a message. This will mean we will be able to ensure that you receive FSM shopping vouchers as soon as possible. I can confirm that FSM vouchers will continue to be issued until the end of the summer term. If you are not entitled to free school meals there is other support available. Again if you contact the school by phone or email someone will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

I would like to thank our families for all the positive feedback that we have received regarding the quality of our home learning resources and the phone calls from our pastoral and inclusion teams. The staff are working hard to ensure that we are able to keep in touch with you and support our students and families at this challenging time. Stay safe

Yours faithfully

Mrs T Peters
Headteacher