

# Ernest Bevin College and Sixth Form Centre



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## Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your families are well. As we find ourselves in week five of term-time home study, please find below an update on a range of school matters.

### Studying from home on Canvas

The College has adapted to a whole new way of working in the past four school weeks and is embracing the power of Canvas. Please look out for a separate bulletin all about Canvas arriving in your inbox this week! Working in relative isolation is new and not always easy for both staff and families; this video provides some tips around managing young people during this time of home working:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MO9SDGRgi3c&feature=youtu.be>

### Additional Learning Resources

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons> : Daily lessons for primary and secondary home-schooling from BBC Bitesize covering English, Maths, Science and more.

<https://www.thenational.academy/> : online classroom and resource hub created by teachers.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/> : A collection of books, poems, stories etc. for lockdown - completely free!

### Students in school

College continues to open for the children of Key Workers and some of our more vulnerable students. We have seen more students attending school, though numbers remain small. Those attending are working on the tasks set by teachers on Canvas plus having a range of 'live' sessions including English, Maths, Geography, Modern Languages, Art, Music, Food and PE. Last week they made this rainbow which is now on display at the front of the College:



### EBC makes PPE!

We have teamed up with Helpful Engineering UK to support the PPE manufacture effort; Room 11 has been busy with the sound of laser cutters creating visors to be distributed to hospitals. We are producing around 100 per day.

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### **Student laptop access**

The College has applied for laptops through the Department for Education's digital device scheme. We hope to be able to lend more machines to families where access to Canvas and the ability to concentrate upon work is hampered by a shortage of hardware.

### **Calculated Grades**

As you know exams for Years 11 and 13 have been cancelled this year. The College has to calculate a grade for each student which will then be moderated by exam boards. We are developing this process. Students will receive their final grade as planned in August.

### **Free School Meals**

We have moved over to the national scheme (EDENRED). Though this system has been blighted with issues, affecting all schools trying to use it, we are confident that families will receive vouchers.

### **Back to College**

The government has promised an announcement about the path towards reopening schools on Sunday 10th May. In the meantime we have looked at the arrangements made to reopen schools in other countries and have begun the process of planning to readmit students and staff. Whilst we don't know the details of what the reopening will look like, it is clear that this will be a phased process with many adjustments in place.

We are here to help - please contact us at [collegeclosure@ernestbevin.london](mailto:collegeclosure@ernestbevin.london).

**Yours faithfully,**

**Ann Keane-Maher**  
**Principal**

