



Friday 24th April 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The 2.6 Challenge- it's a marathon not a sprint!

I trust you are all fit and well. To begin with, I want to thank you for how quickly you have all re-engaged with online learning. I think the vast majority of us would prefer to back in Bridgewater, but we know that can't happen, at least not for the foreseeable future. That means one thing- let's make the most of the situation so that when things return to normal- which they will, we are ready to hit the ground running.

In this letter, I want to turn our attention to personal development. Through ShowMyHomework we have online learning. But we also need to think about "online caring" and how we best capture the personal development of our students. Of course, schools are about exams. But they are also about developing and recognising resilience and compassion in young people, especially in times like these.

Therefore, alongside the work being set by subject teachers, we have introduced online assemblies for year groups where students can hopefully regain that sense of being part of a wider community. We will also now be setting up a Personal Development twitter feed run by Mr Roberts where we will celebrate some of the great things people are doing outside the virtual classroom.

But we also want to encourage as many people as possible to join us on the 2.6 Challenge. The 2.6 Challenge launches this Sunday 26th April – on what should have been the date of the 40th London Marathon, the world's biggest one-day annual fundraising event.

We are sure many of you will already be involved in fundraising activities to support this. However, if you want to be part of the "**Bridgewater 2.6 Challenge**" then money can be donated via your online scopay account. As and when any money comes in, we will make a weekly or fortnightly payment to a chosen charity or charities. We will endeavour to support our local charities to show our support for our community. Mr Roberts, Assistant Headteacher will be writing out to you later today with more detail about the sorts of things you can do.

As part of this, we would also like to share across our school community what students are doing through our Personal Development twitter feed and the school website. So, if you are happy to share photos and videos online please follow the guidance contained in Mr Robert's email.

I really hope you can support us with the "**Bridgewater 2.6 Challenge**" and in the meantime, please stay safe and look after family, friends and loved ones.

Regards,

Tim Long, Principal



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