



24 April 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope this finds you well. Thank you to all of you who responded to last week's update and the feedback you have given on how we are coping with these extraordinary times.

Google Classrooms

Many of you are pleased we are moving to putting all online learning in one place- on google classrooms. To try and make things as easy as possible, we've **collated the codes for every google classroom** up and running so far and these are attached to this update as pdfs, one per year group.

Google Meets

We've also had our first week of using **google meets as a video conferencing tool with classes**- initial feedback is really encouraging from students and staff, and teachers have loved being able to have interaction with their classes again. As we grow more confident with this way of working you can expect more classes to become available.

Whilst I'm yet to hold an online class myself (it's scheduled for next Wednesday!) I greatly enjoyed our first online student council core group meeting this afternoon. Whilst we are a small core group currently, those involved will be looking at ways to get as much feedback as possible from students ahead of our next meeting in two weeks time.

Year 11 Students

A reminder that all **Year 11 students can access Summer Learning Tasks** via the school website. These can be found under the Sixth Form tab here:

<https://www.kingedwardvi.devon.sch.uk/page/?title=Sixth+Form+Admissions+and+Induction+Tasks&pid=47>

There are tailored projects and extended learning tasks here covering all subjects at Post 16. These gateway tasks are designed to engage students in the skills, content and understanding needed to proceed to A Level.

Reading - Free Online books for all students

A great thing to do during this lovely weather- or indeed, at anytime - is to **read as much and as widely as you can!** However, we know that getting access to books can be difficult in these times.

To help with this you'll be excited to know we now have **over 5000 books available to all students for free online**. Simply go to the tile on rm unify and use the instructions below;



School Name: find King Edward VI in the drop-down menu

Username: this is the same as your Unify logon (the beginning part of your school email address)

e.g. 19jhershaw

Password: abc

Books will be recommended to you according to your age and the interests questionnaire you are prompted to fill in when you log in. Most of the books are non-fiction, but there are also graphic novels and over 100 classic titles. For Year 10s, "A Christmas Carol" is available here!

Y7 and Y8 students can logon through Unify to **Accelerated Reader** as normal. They can quiz on books whether your own, from Kindles, from Audible or other audio books, or from Myon online books.

Again, thank you for all your ongoing support during this time, and please do remember to get in touch if you have any feedback or suggestions.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Salt'.

Alan Salt
Principal