

May 8, 2020

Dear Parents, Teachers, and Students,

SUBJECT: Distance Learning – Week 6

The first in the **Founder’s Speaker Series** will be held next week on Wednesday, May 13 at 11:00 am GMT. Leading an online conference on **“Finding your passion and nurturing it”** will be **Alioune Ndiaye, CEO at Orange Middle East and Africa.**

All teachers, staff, and students are invited to attend. **Please register in advance via this [LINK](#).** The link to the webinar will be sent to you upon registration. **We expect all of you to be connected at 10:45 am.**

Remote/Distance Learning continues and may for some time. As we go through the weeks of what is for all of us a new approach to schooling, we realize areas for improvement. One of the weaknesses noted is the inconsistency of the Zoom lessons. A Zoom lesson schedule is being developed. Teachers will be asked to keep to the schedule and to not schedule Zoom lessons at random. Students and parents should have a better idea of what to expect day-to-day and week-to-week.

It is important that students do not spend all day on the internet. Much of their academic activity should be completing assignments offline. These assignments should be done and submitted to teachers on time. Their completion and the achievement they represent will largely determine students’ Semester 2 grades.

Reading and writing are excellent activities. Journal writing is a means by which students can reflect upon and keep a record of this extraordinary period in their lives. Some writing ideas are: How has the virus disrupted your school year including sporting events and social gatherings; what has been the effect on your daily life and that of your friends and family. It is recommended that students write a page or two in their journals every day. Of course, reading should be a part of every student’s day. “Reading is the answer to everything.” Somebody said that. It is recommended that students spend 30 minutes or more reading something of their choice each day.

It is Mother’s Day in North America on Sunday. So, **Happy Mother’s Day.**

Regards,

Dr Bruce Gilbert
Head of School