

9 April 2020

Dear Students

This week we would have been having our final assembly for the last day of term, wishing each other a happy Easter and heading off to relax and celebrate with our friends and families. Instead here we are experiencing the strangest time of our lives. No matter how you have got on with your distance school work, I think it is important for you now to take your Easter break. Invest some time in looking after yourself. Be good to yourself and to everyone in your household. Relax now and you'll be ready to get started on some distance learning again when term starts on 20 April.

I miss you all, as do all our staff and I can imagine how much you miss each other. If you have been checking in to our Shimna Facebook, you will have seen the photos of Shimna OldScholars working in the NHS as doctors, nurses, care workers and in a long list of other essential roles. Many of you have parents/guardians who themselves are key workers and who continue to carry out their essential jobs. For their sake and your own, stick to the guidelines for as long as it takes and stay at home. It is indeed a very different Easter.

Over the Easter period we will have time to think about how best we should treat each other, about what we value and what we care about most. It is often only when we lose something that we appreciate how important it is and at this time we can reflect on how much we enjoy our friendships, our work, our learning and simply being together. I do hope that when we do all come together again we will do so with a heightened realisation of how much we mean to each other. In the meantime, be good to yourself and to those around and do let them know how much you love them.

Peace and love,

Kevin Lambe
Principal