

21 April 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope you managed to have a restful Easter break.

Lessons resumed yesterday as normal. Please support your child to be logging in on time to attend the live sessions with their teachers following their usual school timetable. I recognise this can be tricky due to various reasons and I want to thank you in advance for your efforts in supporting the school in providing structure and routine to your child's day.

As a reminder for you:

1. Teachers deliver live lessons following your child's timetable, for approximately 15 minutes at the start of each lesson. Your child should join this live session via a Google link that will be posted on your child's DPR class chat.
2. Your child's work will be set on the DPR Assignments Portal (where they used to be set homework) and your child should complete this and submit by the deadline given.
3. Teacher's are aware of the difficulties of home learning and want to thank you for your support. Please encourage your child to submit all work set. Where there are persistent issues, please let your child's Head of Learning know.

Year 11 only:

I have included below part of the email I sent to Year 11 students today. I hope this helps to clarify your questions surrounding GCSE qualifications.

1. The school is working out your GCSE grade to be submitted to exam boards.

- *We will be using all the evidence at our disposal to award you grades.*
- *We are not allowed to tell you these grades until results day.*
- *Ofqual have said you will receive your exam results on August the 20th 2020.*
- *Here's a helpful [video](#) from Ofqual explaining this in more detail.*
- *I will provide more details about this as soon as we know more.*

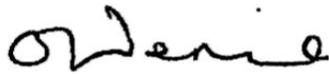
2. You will have no more lessons as part of Year 11 from Wednesday 22nd April. Continue to log in to your lessons until then.

- *The effort that you have put in has been valuable. It will no doubt have influenced your teacher's judgement of you as well as set you up for college in the new academic year.*

- *You now need to think about what you can do to prepare for college.*
- *Research shows there is a significant 'summer learning loss' for Year 11s going into Year 12, because of having no school for 2 months (July and August). But right now, you are potentially missing out on 5 months worth of learning (April to August).*
- *As quoted in this [article](#), "If year 11 students, in particular, were to stop being meaningfully taught in April and not re-engage with formal education until September, there will be a very significant loss of learning".*
- *We want to do everything we can to prepare you for when you start college and I know lots of you will be wanting to be fully prepared for A levels. With this in mind, we will be uploading transitional work onto the DPR to support you entering Year 12 - watch out for this soon. I will keep you posted.*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your efforts during this time. I know how difficult and concerning this absence from school must be for you and we are grateful for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



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