

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, I sincerely hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and well. We have now been learning away from the classroom, for a significant amount of time and distance learning continues to evolve and change as we adapt to working this way. It is with some sadness that I am writing to you as a parent/carer of a child in Year 7, 8 or 9 to inform you that currently, following government guidance, we are not expecting the students in these years to return to the classroom before September. This, of course, means that we will continue to support learners to study remotely.

I would like to ensure you are clear on what we are continuing to do to support the learning of your young person, alongside giving you the details of some new additions to what is happening in June/July

**We will continue to:**

- Set work on ClassCharts using the Distance learning timetable, as previously published. PE will set a daily activity, which will be also be shared via Facebook
- Expect students to read for half an hour each day - details of the reading expected will be on ClassCharts.
- **Expect students (as a minimum) to submit one piece of work for each subject each week.** Not everything will need to be uploaded or marked. Submitted work could be a piece of work completed on an online platform, such as Seneca.
- Celebrate success and excellent examples of remote learning on our Home Learning Wonder Wall – published on our website
- Expect, as a minimum, your child to be working for:  
Years 7 & 8: [1- 2 hours work each school day](#)  
Year 9: [2-3 hours work each school day](#)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	MFL	English	Maths	Science	English
	Maths	Science	Geography	History	Art/DT/Computing*
Year 8	Maths	Science	Art/DT/Computing*	Geography	History
	MFL	English	Maths	Science	English
Year 9	Science  Triple Science Biology	<u>Option A</u> Media Dance Art Computer Science Geography	<u>Option B</u> Health and Social Geography Art Design Technology Spanish PE Btec	<u>Option C</u> Sport Travel and Tourism Food Geography Photography	<u>Option D</u> Engineering Health and Social Travel and Tourism French Geography History

		History Photography		Triple Science - Physics Spanish	
	English	Maths	Science Triple Science - Chemistry	English	Maths

\*All three subjects are setting on a rota so the learning should still be manageable/A PE and a Reading activity is also being set each day.

**Additionally from the week beginning the 15<sup>th</sup> June we will:**

- Send a pack of paper resources that further support our students with distance learning. The paper resources are designed to be complementary to the distance learning set online and, therefore, allows all learners whether working online or paper to access broadly similar content. We hope that these resources will make learning possible for everyone.
- Assign a key contact for every child in the school in Year 7 – 9. This person will phone you to speak to both you, as parents/carers, but also the students to discuss their progress in their distance learning. We will also enquire about how we, as a school, can continue to support them in their learning.

We recognise that continuing to support students to learn at home is a challenge for everyone. Our teachers are working incredibly hard to make the work 'possible' for the significant majority. Please can I ask you to continue with your support in three key areas:

- 1. Continue to keep a structure/routine to each day**
- 2. Show an interest in the work being set and what the children are being asked to complete**
- 3. Expect your child to complete their schoolwork whenever it is possible to do so**

Finally, once again, please can I thank every one of you who are supporting your child at home and also those who have gone out of their way to offer messages of thanks and support to the school. Your sentiments have meant a great deal and been warmly welcomed at this time.

Working together is for the benefit of everyone- we will get through this and look forward to being able to return to a more normal way of learning.

Yours sincerely,



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