



February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

As we arrive at the end of this half term (Wednesday 10th February at 2.45pm) I wanted to thank you for helping to make the transition to online learning so successful. I recognise how difficult it can be for parents / carers to ensure that your children are engaging fully with their remote learning, but I am really pleased to report that with your support we have record numbers of students following their normal timetables and producing some outstanding work. Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your children who have risen to the challenge superbly; I know that you will continue to do everything you can to make sure that your child is completing their online tasks to the very best of their ability.

For any parents / carers that have found it difficult to get their children motivated to complete their school work please do not give up. By getting online and engaging with their work your children will quickly come to terms with what is expected of them and they will soon be making progress in line with their peers. Please get in touch via Groupcall or on 01772 252072 if you are experiencing technical difficulties or if you think we can help in any other way. My colleagues are monitoring the level of individual engagement and will be contacting parents / carers where we believe students are not completing sufficient amounts of work.

Should you wish to pass on your thanks to any particular member of staff please do so via Groupcall, telephone, Facebook or Twitter, I know that they would appreciate it.

Our annual **Home School Consultation Day** takes place on **Friday 5th March**. This is an excellent opportunity to receive detailed feedback from your child's House Tutor on their progress in all aspects of school life this year, including a chance to discuss your child's recent report in more detail. Additional meetings will also be scheduled for all Year 9 students to discuss their Key Stage 4 options choices with Mrs O'Connor or Mrs Creeley. Students with a Special Educational Need will also have the opportunity to meet with a member of the Learning Support Department.

All Home School Consultation Day meetings this year will take place remotely via Parents Booking. In order to make an appointment for the consultation meeting please follow these steps:

- You will receive an email from Parents Booking on Monday 22nd February.
- Use the link in the email (also available on the school website) to log in to make your appointments.
- Appointments will be allocated on a first come-first served basis.
- The enclosed leaflet gives clear instructions about how to join the meeting on Home School Consultation Day.
- If required, further information about booking your appointment is available on the school website.
- Do not use the link on Firefly to make bookings as this will not work.

Please try to join us for this important event. If you have any problems with making an appointment, please contact school and we will be happy to help.

After half term, classes will resume at **9am on Monday 22nd February**. Once again your child will be expected to follow their normal timetable and tasks will be set daily on Firefly. Period 5 that day will be a House Tutor period, an excellent opportunity for your child to catch-up with their House Tutor and members of their Tutor Group. Please encourage them to join this session. If your child is running short of resources (paper, pens, pencils etc.) please contact us to arrange a convenient time for these to be collected from school at no cost.

Once again, thank you for your on-going support during these challenging times. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school in the near future. All updates will be made available via GroupCall and on the school website.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher



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