

23 June 2020

Dear parents/carers and students,

For several weeks, you as parents and carers have been supporting and encouraging your child(ren) in their learning. Their progress has come to depend more than ever on the partnership between pupils, their families and the school team. We are now just four weeks from the end of term and we are determined to make the most of learning time left before the school holidays begin. Please read this letter together with your child and discuss the contents and expectations. If there is anything that will get in the way of your child completing school work or attending live lessons, assemblies and form sessions scheduled for them, please get in touch so that we can help.

1. Each House and year group has had at least one online assembly by now. These have been well attended and have provided a great chance for our young people to re-connect with their classmates. These will continue and we would like all pupils invited to attend these live sessions.
2. Work is set on Show My Homework (now called Satchel One) every day according to the timetable. This is a reduced timetable to make it fair and manageable. All pupils need to log on, read the instructions and submit the work to their teachers. If they are not sure what to do, they can message their teachers who are happy to help them.
3. Credits and rewards. From this week (week beginning Monday 22nd June), your child will receive one credit every time that they complete their school work. These will be logged virtually. Teachers will also be able to award extra credits for effort and improvement. At the end of term, we will hold our usual celebration assembly, presenting credit prizes and rewards to pupils.
4. Pupils are expected to attend all live lessons arranged for them. As the weeks go on, an increasing number of live lessons and support sessions are being provided for pupils. Pupils are invited by a notification on Show My Homework and are sent an email with the link to join the lesson/meeting punctually.

We have all learned a lot about how to teach and how to learn in the current situation and we will continue to improve our home learning offer to your child(ren). In order for our pupils to make progress academically, they need to engage with their home learning. The assemblies and form sessions will support their emotional and social well-being and promote a sense a community. As mentioned, if anything is stopping your child(ren) from accessing these, please contact us so that we can help.

Wishing you and your families well.

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