

Dear students,

This is just a quick email to wish you luck this week as you begin studying as the country's first cohort of remote learners!

For the vast majority of you this will be at home, but your teachers will still be there remotely on email and Showbie to support you over the coming weeks, so remember to check in with them every now and again if you have any questions or need some help.

If you don't get a response from one of your teachers within a day or so, then please send an email to your Head of Year letting them know and they will be able to point you to additional support, as it may be that your teacher is unwell and off work for a few days.

We will also keep in touch with you regularly as a school and will be sending out some information later this week to help you think about how you can help keep yourself mentally and physically well. This is important to consider when you will no longer be able to do all of the things you are used to being able to do and will have to get used to 'seeing your friends' differently. Keep an eye out for this.

To help you collaborate together on pieces of work and also keep in touch with your friends, we have enabled video collaboration on 'Microsoft Teams' via your school accounts. More information about how you can use this will also follow this week, but we hope this will be a help when completing work independently at home over the coming weeks.

As Teams will be accessed through your school account - all activity is monitored – so remember school e-safety rules when working or videoing online!

I look forward to hearing about and seeing some of the great work you will complete remotely over the next few weeks from your teachers, and as soon as we are back to normal at school again, we will look for ways to celebrate these with you and reward your efforts.

So - good luck this week - try your very best to remain positive – to make a positive difference to others – and to always do your Personal Best – we can ask no more of that from you!

Thanks,
Ms. Williams
Headteacher