

Subject: Summer Term Plans for Years 7-10 and 12

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are well.

Please see below the email that I have just sent out to students this evening, which includes some key updates and reminders about our plans for the coming weeks, which I hope you will find useful too.

You will see some information about our plans for Years 10 and 12 from June 15th and we will be in touch with further details next week for those of you who have indicated you would like your son or daughter to be involved in this provision. If you have a child in Years 10 or 12 and have not yet let us know that you want them to take part in some specialist subject lessons over the coming weeks then please telephone the school on Monday; as we need to carefully plan our groupings in order to be able to observe 2 metres social distancing at all times we may not be able to accommodate any later requests, but will do our very best to do so.

Another key message for all students below is the importance of attendance at live lessons moving forward, as well as the need to complete work set and to submit it by the deadlines given. Now that we know Years 7-9 will not have any time in school before the summer, and that for Years 10 and 12 this is still only going to be a handful of days, I cannot stress enough how crucial their engagement with lessons and completion of set work over the final 6 weeks of term is.

As I'm sure you will appreciate, we simply will not be able to repeat all remote content from this last term in September, which is especially critical for Years 10 and 12 who will be entering their final GCSE and A level year, so I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to please discuss this with your son or daughter this weekend if you have concerns about their engagement, to encourage them and ensure that they begin to engage more fully with their online lessons and work.

I am pleased to say that for most students things seem to have been going well so far, but we are aware of just how hard this whole way of learning is for both students, and yourselves as parents, and we do continue to appreciate your support for remote learning. To better support you in being able to keep an eye on how things are going, you will see below that we are introducing some new feedback features in Class Charts from Monday regarding attendance at live lesson as well as meeting deadlines. N.B. Although these will have the 'look' of a negative, please be aware that these will not count as one for your son or daughter, but are being used 'for information' only in order to help teachers and yourselves monitor how things are going.

Attached again for your reference is the guidance regarding what students (and yourselves) should now expect from remote learning, live lessons and teacher feedback, which can take multiple forms, and I would urge you to please also have a read of this if you haven't already done so.

If you have any questions about anything, then as always, please let us know, but for now I will sign off and wish you all a good weekend.

Thanks,

Helen Williams

Headteacher / CEO

