

Advice for Parents and Carers of S3 Students

We are keen to ensure that you receive as much support and communication, as possible over the coming weeks as you try to manage “Home Learning “in very different circumstances.

Some of you will be on the front line, some are trying to work from home, and some are caring for our elderly family members, our own children and ourselves.

It is important to remember that you have not chosen to educate your children at home. None of us have chosen the circumstances we find ourselves in. You are supporting your child to learn at home in whatever ways you can. Thank you for all your efforts thus far and we hope that having a more structured approach will help you to continue to do this.

From now on, S3 pupils can expect their subjects to post work on Teams each week. There will be RE work posted on a Monday, PSE on a Wednesday and PE on a Friday, in addition to this. The timetable is blank so that pupils can complete how they want to balance work for each week. They may need your help with this.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
RE		PSE		PE
The PE Department will set a daily task too to help you improve your fitness and wellbeing.				
On a Monday, Mr Symon will also set you one challenge per week.				

Staff will be setting home learning tasks / activities, which pupils have one week to complete. If they can, they can send completed tasks to their teacher. This could be a photo of their work or a video clip or a response in writing or something else that they have agreed. They will then receive communication / general feedback from a member of staff in the department.

We know that this is a really unusual time and it might be hard for you to adjust. Do what you can, when you can – if home learning is not working on a particular day, that’s okay. Remember if you need to talk to someone, you can e mail your child’s Pastoral Care Teacher or DHT, Mr Symon. We are still here for you and want to do everything we can to support you.



For now, we hope these Top Tips will help to support you:



There are also a number of online learning resources that you can access just now – if you want to broaden your child’s learning further:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> click onto secondary 3rd/4th level or N5.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Na1rzigYISU>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/deadly-60>
- <https://www.nhm.ac.uk> – Natural History Museum lots of interactive activities
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces> - creative music lessons
- <https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/home> - lots of different games and activities
- <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/make> some fun arts and craft activities
- <https://www.wizardingworld.com/collections/harry-potter-at-home> a must for HP fans

If you need any more information, or if your child is having trouble accessing ICT, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Pastoral Care Teacher of DHT, Mr Symon. Contact details can be found on our website.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and thank you for your continued support and co-operation.