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Dear Parents/Carers/Students

Re: Summer Term

I hope you have found some time to relax over the Easter Holiday. Welcome back to the Summer Term! I am sure many students will be ready to start to learning again. We have been listening to the feedback received on the work set on Firefly since the national closure. Like you, we are learning the best way to cope with the challenges of remote learning from home. With this in mind, the format we shall be adopting for this half-term is set out below: -

For Years 7-10

- Each subject will set one task on Firefly per week (except Science) for students to complete. Students should be able to complete these tasks within one hour, except for English and Maths which may take longer. At GCSE level this is each subject that students have an exam in.
- Science tasks on Firefly will be more regular and include some video content. They will typically take 30 minutes.
- Teachers of PSHE classes will not set work although occasional whole year group tasks will be set.
- Each task will be written in plain language with simple step by step instructions, up to a maximum of 5 steps. An optional extension task may be added.
- The task title will include the subject name and the week that it is to be completed in this format: for example, “Week 3 work for History” (the week 20-24th April is week 3 of the virtual school). The deadline will be set for the following Monday.
- **Students should aim to work for up to an hour on 3 different subjects of their choosing per day. Please try to study a range of subjects and do not neglect English, maths and science.**
- Students are also encouraged to read for 30 minutes per day and to complete two 30-minute sessions of exercise per week too.

For Year 11

- Work will continue to be set as above until the course specification is complete. Once complete, class teachers will not set additional work.
- From the beginning of May, subject groups will be set up on Firefly for students who have opted to stay in the Sixth Form. Subjects will then set transition work for year 11 students to complete to help prepare for the start of their post-16 courses. Further information will follow in due course.

For Year 12

- Each class teacher will set one task on Firefly per week for students to complete. Students should be able to complete these tasks within 2-4 hours.
- This should continue until the specification content for Year 12 is completed.
- Subjects will then set work to revise year 12 content or to prepare students for Year 13.

For Year 13

- A Level courses have now finished. Students will be directed towards focusing on their next steps by Mr Colman and Sixth Form staff.

In other news, I am sure you have seen that the country has been asked to maintain social distancing for at least another 3 weeks. Some of you will have seen Gavin Williamson, the Education Secretary, countering reports in The Sunday Times that schools will return in May. Certainly, I am very mindful of the need to ensure the safety of our whole community, children and adults.

Also, you may have read that exam results will be released to KS4 and KS5 student on the originally published dates in August.

Thank you to all parents and carers who are helping the school by ensuring their children do not fall behind with their studies. I hope that everyone continues to stay safe and wish you well in the weeks ahead.

Yours faithfully,

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