

5th May 2020

Dear Parents

We have been closely monitoring the home learning programme over the last six weeks (see calendar of events below). As would reflect the number of families at the school, feedback on the school's home learning programme has varied. The views of parents, staff and pupils have been gathered through emails, phone calls to parents and pupils, electronic submission rates and pupil engagement with Show My Homework.

A calendar of recent events:

- Monday 23rd to Friday 3rd April – **2 weeks of Home Learning**
- Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April - **The Easter Holidays / 2 weeks of Enrichment Activities**
- Monday 20th April to Thursday 7th May – **3 weeks of Home Learning**

As a result of this feedback, we propose an Enrichment Week / Catch Up week (11th- 15th May)

How will the Enrichment/Catch-Up Week work?

The main aim of the Enrichment/Catch up week is to address any incomplete content. It is also an opportunity for pupils and parents to reflect on the quality and depth of their learning.

An **Essential Learning Checklist** will be posted on SMHW for each subject. This is a chance for parents and pupils to check on the progress made in the last seven weeks and complete any unfinished work. If you are having **problems submitting work**, please read the accompanying document. If you are struggling with the work, you are advised to contact the subject teacher or, for difficulties of a more general nature, the Head of Year.

If, according to the Essential Checklist, all the work has been done, please try some of the many enrichment activities also posted on SMHW, or consolidate your knowledge and understanding by returning to the topics already covered.

The enrichment list of activities will also be available during the May Half Term (25th – 29th May)

On behalf of the leadership team, and many parents, we would like to say thank you to staff for the quality and regularity with which they have set home learning assignments. Staff members have also given feedback and support in school and from home (and also the 'extras' such as the 'twitter' challenges, year bulletins etc.). To parents, we hope that the enrichment and catch up week helps those of you who are managing your own work, illness, home learning (often across different phases of schooling), and preserving a sense of family life. Finally, thank you and well done to the pupils: many of whom have shown initiative, resilience and maturity in their work and communications with us.

Kind regards,



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