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Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing to wish you well in our new home learning journey.

I wanted to inform and update you on ways in which we will support and coordinate with you.

We manage all the student chromebooks during the normal school day from 8.30am to 3.10pm by remotely locking them to the school logon only. We will continue to do this in order to support you in establishing consistent work practices at home. We are able to remotely monitor chromebooks whilst logged onto the school account, this enables us to support students learning, but also check their usage as part of our safeguarding. We will not be live monitoring every device at all times, but teachers may access at a time that coincides with their lessons.

Teachers will be providing work as per the students' timetables and will be live teaching a proportion of lessons. Staff will inform students ahead of time via Google classroom which lessons will be live. This is a new style of teaching for us, we are gathering experience and will adapt to strategies that are more or less successful in remote teaching.

We have today reset all the class charts behaviour points to zero. We are starting a new chapter with a clean sheet and also reduced the positives to two categories.



Thumbs up



Outstanding Work

'Thumbs up', is to give positive feedback to encourage students.

'Outstanding work', is to recognise extra effort or quality in work.

We will not be giving these positives automatically every lesson, any reward system that has too low a threshold, loses value for the students.



consistently insufficient work

We have one negative, "consistently insufficient work". It is there as a tool to make parents aware that students are not completing work. We will not be aware of your circumstances, students may for example be ill or caring for an ill relative. There is no need to contact us to remove these negative feedbacks. These are for your use only. We will delete all these negatives when school resumes as normal.

We now know that Year 11 will have a chance if they wish, to resit exams, possibly in the Autumn. To support our Year 11 students we will teach lessons remotely as per their timetable right through to the Summer holiday. Some qualifications such as BTEC may finish earlier.

Yours faithfully

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