

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

I hope you have enjoyed the two week Easter break and you are all well. We should now all be back into the routine of schoolwork Monday – Friday as this is an important time to be embedding the knowledge learnt this year in preparation for GCSE exams next year. All work set is on Show My Homework and although we encourage you to fit the timetable we gave you around family life, it is also important that you are completing the work set so that you keep in a routine. This will also make it easier for you to adapt when we return to Academy life.

Please note: *there have been reports from some students, parents and carers that they are having issues with seeing all work set on SMHW using the app. To ensure you aren't missing anything please log on to SMHW using an internet browser and check in your calendar for all work set.*

Teachers will be setting a class quiz weekly so they can identify areas of misconception and provide whole class feedback or adjust the next lesson to address the misconception. They will also be marking one exam question or piece of work per fortnight and giving individual feedback; so it is important that you are completing the work set to the best of your ability and responding to the feedback given. Please also remember that you need to complete enough work in the time given on the timetable, put your phone away whilst working so you can concentrate fully and stop when the time is up, just like in lesson time. Students – You are mature enough now to be able to do the work set independently, please do not add any stress to family life by refusing to do the work as ultimately you are only making it more difficult for yourself when we return. Once you have done the work in the set time you will then have plenty of free time to pursue your own interests.

Unfortunately, the decision has had to be taken to cancel work experience this year. We do not know the plan for when schools are to open yet, but whenever this does happen we cannot expect that companies will be returning to business as usual at the same time, and it would be unfair to expect them to honour the placements offered when they will most likely have a lot of work to do to get back up and running. Please can you email any placement you had confirmed to let them know of this decision and thank them for the offer of work experience.

Student leadership has not been forgotten and Mr Pelling and I are discussing a plan to ensure the positions are filled, more information will follow.

Look out for house competitions on Show my homework each week, the points add up to the cup at the end of the year so please do get involved!

Have a great week, stay safe and well.

Kind Regards,

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