

13th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Term 3 updates

Firstly, apologies for yesterday's messages which were sent during an internet connection 'blip' meaning that some of the page didn't appear!

Online learning

We have had another positive day, again with increasing numbers of students collecting Chromebooks for use at home and an increase in the number of live lessons. We are working towards the majority of all lessons being delivered with an element of 'live' or face to face teaching by the end of next week. Staff and students have found that these are an excellent way of recreating the nearest atmosphere they can to a regular on- site classroom, and students have increased their contact with us enormously. This really helps us monitor not only their progress, but also their wellbeing.

Please contact the office if you would like to borrow a school Chromebook to enable your child/children to work online from home. We are hoping to be able to remove the need for hardpacks of work (apart from in very exceptional circumstances) over the next two weeks.

If you need any support with accessing online learning, there is a range of help for using Teams on our Continuity of Learning page of the website, <u>here</u>. There is also a list of who to contact for support with different applications and websites <u>here</u>.

In addition, we are working on a newly updated comprehensive Continuity of Learning booklet which will contain guidance on how to get the best out of online learning including step by step instructions for accessing all the sites needed as we are aware that there is a lot to remember and we all have occasions when we need a prompt. These will be with you shortly.

Thank you to those parents who have also shared details with us to BBC provision both on Bitesize and on BBC 2. There are some great additional materials here for students to look at/watch as we all find ourselves with a more limited range of distractions available outside at the moment.

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Free School Meals

We are continuing to provide vouchers for families in receipt of free school meals. If you are not registered with us but think you may qualify, please follow this link to make an application:

https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/school-life/meals/free/

Yours sincerely

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