



Archbishop Tenison's

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

6 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the middle of this half term, teachers have been focusing their efforts on continuing to introduce new content to pupils and to revisit work covered in the previous two terms. Next week, pupils, parents and carers will receive the Year 7 Assessment Timetable that will take place during the first three weeks of the second half term.

The school continues to train teachers to use technology so that we can offer pupils a variety of different formats for their lessons. Teachers have shared with each other their expertise on how to add a voiceover to PowerPoint presentations, how to record a Zoom meeting and how to create a podcast. However, what is most important is that, whatever format, the lessons are well-planned and focused on the needs of pupils.

Finally, pupils are being asked to submit more work online, as well as the Show My Homework quizzes and self-assessed tasks. We hope that this will give pupils the feedback that they need to develop their Knowledge and understanding.

We would like to thank you for all the support you are giving your children to help them access the online curriculum. There will be important decisions made about the future of schooling over the coming days and weeks, but we will continue to focus on the quality of the work that we set for our young people.

Please continue to read for a letter from your child's Head of Year, Miss Whittaker.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Hart
Senior Assistant Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to extend my gratitude to you for the amazing job you are all doing supporting 'home learning'. I fully appreciate the challenges you are facing, however, I have been absolutely amazed by the work that is currently being produced by our Year 7 cohort.

I am happy to see that the majority of Year 7 pupils are now accessing SMHW and the range of work that teachers are preparing to support home learning, however if you are still experiencing any issues with this facility please email us at school and we will resolve the issue as soon as is possible.

You will also have noticed that you may have received a personal call from your tutor this week, this will continue to happen during the course of the week along with daily tasks and messages.

As we comply with issues around GDPR and safeguarding, you may receive calls from a withheld or private number. This may be a member of staff working from home to contact you, so please where possible make every effort to answer these calls.

We continue to fully understand that this change in working has been challenging for everyone involved, but it is imperative that all pupils are doing something every day and they should now have settled into a daily work schedule. Please continue to check your child's Show My Homework account, making sure that all completed work is being submitted to their respective teachers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the positive messages of support we have received. In the last weeks we have demonstrated the importance of working together as a community, may we continue in this vein by God's grace.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ms O. Whittaker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'W'.

Ms Whittaker
Head of Year 7