

11 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. Following on from the principal's weekly update please find enclosed a 'Learning Engagement Log' for your son/daughter. The Learning Engagement Log is a document which demonstrates and explains exactly what each student will be covering in their remote learning lessons over the coming term. On the inside cover of the Learning Engagement Log you will find a 'Partnership Agreement'. The Partnership Agreement will be used to support students in their work and reach their full potential. It outlines Student, Parent and the School role in ensuring all participants are aware of their responsibilities to Home Learning. Students will be required to reflect on what they have learnt each week and rate each lesson in terms of how confident they are with the content covered. This information will then be used on the students return to school. It will inform tutors who will also refer to it in the in the upcoming live tutor sessions and at the parent consultation evenings.

Within the Learning Engagement Log every subject has provided an outline of lesson content and a 'Big Picture' for the term ahead. Importantly, this highlights the purpose of each lesson, demonstrates sequenced learning and explains the journey each student will take in their learning over the coming term. It provides key information which will help students to excel in their learning and a clear guide on how to achieve this. It is imperative that students use this document to refer to when completing their work as it provides useful signposts to extended reading and learning resources.

Where you can, please support your child in reading around each subject and using the associated key words and terminology. Extended writing and the use of a wide range of vocabulary are both fundamental to improved outcomes for students. To help with this, if your son/daughter is in years 7-9 they will also receive a 'Knowledge Organiser' in this pack. The purpose of the Knowledge Organiser is to encourage subject mastery through a focus on skills, concepts, ideas, research, understanding and knowledge. Knowledge Organiser's also help to develop each student's ability to cope with the content level required for exams and revision. Remote learning lessons will be set in line with the Knowledge Organiser so that students have a tool to work from and to use to assist in their learning as well as helping to address any misconceptions.

Each week we will be setting short assessments so that students can see the impact of their learning and receive immediate feedback. We expect all students to do their best when completing their online learning. May I take this opportunity to remind you that any student who are struggling to engage and upload their remote learning may be required to come into school to complete their work. Teachers will be rewarding work that meets the exceeding and excelling standards and we will also be following up on missed remote learning. As a parent you can monitor the rewards and any missed learning using Class Charts.

In addition to the weekly assessments we will be sending home longer, full assessments closer to the half term break. These assessments will give you an indication of the progress made by your son/daughter during remote learning. I will be writing to you nearer the time to provide further instructions and guidance regarding the assessments and possible support needed.

I hope you find this information helpful in supporting your son/daughter with their home learning.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eleanore Gordon," with a comma at the end. The script is cursive and fluid.

Mrs E Gordon
Vice Principal