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Dear Parents/Carers

Our continuing thanks go out to all parents and carers, and to our students, for your resourcefulness and 'can do' spirit during, for very many of us, this most testing of times.

New Timetable: how to make it work

Students will have work 'set' on the day shown in the timetable; for example, on a Monday, a Year will receive their work for the week for English, Art and Technology subjects; the work will be set on Teams. The work set will be for the full week and will be the equivalent amount of work they would have been learning had they been in school following our normal timetable. They will also have the opportunity to have a 'live interaction' on the day their work is set, as per the times shown in the timetable; for example, on a Monday, Year 7 will have a 'live interaction' (on Teams) with their English teacher and class from 9-10am, with their Art teacher and class from 11-12noon, and so on.

The timetable has been built to enable regular breaks away from screens as well as considering differing levels of device and internet access. During this time, students should be completing their work set for the day/week. We have created example weekly timetables to help students structure their day. During the hour breaks between the 'live interactions', teachers may also use this as an opportunity to offer intervention and one-to-one/small group support.

Deep Clean

During this period of lockdown, we have scheduled our cleaners to do deep cleans of all the classrooms before your child's return to school. This we hope is reassuring to you and an effective use of an existing resource.

Rewards/Engagement

Work of the Week

- Staff upload work to the PPT located here in Teams
- Three students each week will receive a certificate home, which will contain their nominated work.
- The student judged to have produced the best work of the week will receive a £10 voucher.

Outstanding effort nominations

- A new achievement point has been added to Sims called: 'Lockdown – Outstanding remote effort'.
- Teachers are to award achievement points for outstanding effort during this period of remote learning.



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SELF-WORTH ASPIRE SUCCESS HONESTY

- A report will be run every Friday, with the top three students in each house and each year receiving a postcard home.
- The student with the highest number of nominations each week per house will receive a £10 voucher (Eton, Magna, Cliveden, Windsor, Y11 and Sixth Form).

Other

- As per regular operation, we encourage staff to contact home in recognition of both effort and achievement.

A second new conduct point ('Lockdown – Failure to complete assignment') has been provided for staff to use and log occasions when any student fails to hand in their assignments.

Lateral Flow Tests

Our LFD testing process continues well, under revised national guidance. This includes that 'serial' daily testing (for 7 days, which was thought to help avoid the need to isolate where a person has been in close contact with a known case of coronavirus) has been paused. Instead, isolation for 10 days has resumed as a requirement for all close contacts. Thank you to all students and staff involved in ongoing LFD testing, which is now becoming much more of a routine amongst staff and students.

Principals Webinar

This week we will focus on parents being encouraged to send in questions by 2pm on Tuesdays, how DPA communicates with parents, Exam Years, Academic Mentoring/Assemblies, Parents Evenings/SPRD, well-being, return date 8 March announced by the PM and an acknowledgement that things are challenging at the moment.

Thank you again for all you are doing to keep learning going for our children and we hope that you and your family remain safe during this most challenging of times.

Yours sincerely



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