



Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Key Stage 3 Important Information: Support and Assessment

We trust that you are all keeping well and thank you for your continued support during this difficult period. As we approach the end of this half term, the purpose of this letter is to highlight a number of important issues and support mechanisms that we would like to bring to your attention.

Pause and Reflect Week

A regular part of our normal teaching practice would be to stop at certain stages and reflect on what has been taught and judge the understanding that students have gained.

The week beginning 22nd February, subjects will stop teaching new content and reflect on the content that has been taught this academic year and especially during the lockdown period. Staff will use the lesson time to recap key topics but will also do that by using a variety of our RVHS revision techniques that will support in preparing for any future assessments.

It is essential that students take the time and try a variety of these techniques, and in the end decide which ones suit their learning style best. Please see the school [website](#) for details of our RVHS revision techniques.

Becoming independent learners that possess a variety of skills to support their learning are key to their long-term success.

There will also be a number of parent forums during that week to ensure that parents are aware how they can support their child.

This week will be followed by an assessment week where students will be assessed in a number of subjects. Please note that all live lessons will still take place, as normal, but that the content of these live lessons will be delivered around our pause and reflect focus.

Parent Forums

We recognise that remote learning has been a difficult process for many students and parents. To help support this, we are holding a series of 'Parent forums' on **Tuesday 23rd February between 5:00pm - 6.30pm.**

The parent forums will be on the topics below and will be carried out via Google Meet (the function that your child uses to access their live lessons). This forum will be carried out live. There will be an opportunity to ask questions via the Google Meet chat box- and the host will endeavour to answer as many questions that arise as possible. We please ask that you arrive in the Google Meet with microphones and cameras off.



Session Topics:

1. **Support with Self-directed Assignments - 5:00pm** (20 minutes)
2. **Preparation for Assessment Week + RVHS Revision Techniques – 5:20pm**
3. **Support with Remote Learning During Live Lessons (Raising engagement) - 5.40pm**
4. **Online Safety - Modern-day Risks – 6:00pm**
5. **SEND Parent Support with our SENDco: Starts at 5:00pm. This runs alongside the other sessions. This session is by invitation only.**

We will send the individual **Google Meet links** for each of the above calls. You can decide which topics are applicable to you and you do not need to attend all of the sessions. We look forward to welcoming lots of our parents to these forums.

Assessment Week

The week beginning 1st March 2021 will be an Assessment Week, where students will be assessed.

Each subject area will share their assessment schedule with their class.

The format of assessments will vary between subjects but will be shared with students during the **Pause and Reflect Week**. The focus of the assessment will mostly be on content taught during the lockdown period but may contain some topics that were taught earlier in the academic year.

This assessment is essential, as it will play a significant role in shaping our teaching for the remainder of the course.

It is essential that every student have access to a computer/ laptop to be able to complete this assessment. Please contact the Year Progress Leader if your child does not have access to their own computer/ laptop.

Video on how to access live worksheets (helpful for when completing live assessments): During your assessment week, and potentially during lots of other live lessons, your child will be asked to access a number of 'live worksheets' to complete their assessment in 'real time'. This allows the teacher to see what the students are doing and give them feedback straight away. Some students have struggled during the live lessons to access these worksheets. There is a helpful [video](#) to help you on this, should you need it.

Updates to Our Remote Learning Timetable

Please [click here](#) to see a slightly updated version of our KS3 (Years 7-9) timetable. This timetable features an additional 'Live lesson' hour labelled as 'Enrichment'. During this timetabled slot, your son/daughter will be invited (via Calendar like all other live lessons) to participate in an enrichment lesson. Each week, a different member of staff will lead this session to provide extra learning on top of our usual curriculum. We are hopeful that this will further engage our students and diversify our remote learning curriculum.

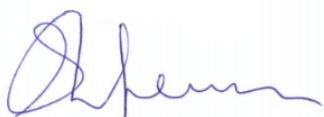
Please also note a slight change in the order of our 'self-directed' hours. Subject departments have re-organised these slots to fit in line with their live lessons and the extra clinics / workshops being offered to support students.

Stationary and Exercise Books

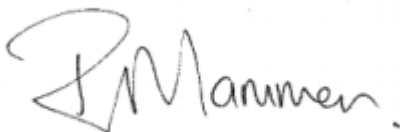
There is a [flyer](#) that has been emailed to all students regarding purchasing stationery / exercise books from our school stationery shop. Our stationery & exercise book bundles are all available to order and pay for via Parent Pay. Please note- we acknowledge that we would not normally charge for exercise books; the prices that you see for packages that include exercise books do not incur a charge for these items- they only have a charge applied for postage, packaging and admin.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this unprecedented time.

Yours faithfully



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