



Wednesday 15th April 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope that this finds you well and that you have made the most of the Easter Holidays.

I wanted to update you with the expectations around SDCC and our virtual learning environment as we have returned to school today.

How much work will be set?

Teachers will be setting 100% of curriculum time for Y12, Y10 and Y9. This means that if you have 4 lessons per week then you will be set 4 hours of learning to complete.

Y7 and Y8 will be set 50% of their curriculum time so half of the usual lesson time (until further notice).

Where will I find it?

Work will be signposted via SMHW. Staff have been busy planning lessons and resources for you. So you need to read all and any instructions on SMHW to ensure that you are accessing the work successfully as it may be in a variety of places including SMHW, Teams, Seneca, Mathswatch, Sparx etc.

We have listened to you all and realised that long projects are challenging and make planning tricky so all work will have deadlines no longer than two weeks in anyone go. There will be clear guidelines about how the completed work is to be submitted and how it will be assessed and feedback given.

After each deadline where appropriate the class teacher will update the gradebook in SMHW so you can see that the work has been submitted or if you/your son/daughter still has a task outstanding.

Teachers will be online during identified normal timetabled lesson time to respond to questions if you need support, these specific times will be communicated with you by individual teachers. They will be posting recorded lessons/tutorials even assemblies in teams for you and may even do a live lesson/live tutorial with you. Keep checking SMHW and your emails for updates and communication from your teachers.

If you are having any trouble with the work or the technology please, in the first instance, email your class teacher or your tutor and they will do their best to help you resolve any problems.

Finally you will have received an email with some videos and resources to support you with your mental health and wellbeing. It is especially important during this time to look after your mental health as well as your physical and academic wellbeing. Please feel free to explore the resources and I hope that they will be of some use.

I look forward to hearing about and seeing all your progress – from a distance!

Stay safe

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Dixon'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i'.

Miss Emma Dixon

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