

# #STRINGER LEARNING @HOME

## # Stringer Learning@Home newsletter 3

Dear Parents and carers,

We hope you and your families remain well and you were able to have something of a restful Easter break.

Now that the summer term has begun, we want to update you about how we plan to move forward with remote teaching and learning in the foreseeable future. Our staff have been working incredibly hard to design and post assignments for your children that engage and support them to continue their studies. Some will be revision activities and some will include new content. We have also been working to ensure all students learning from home have the technology to access the work and submit it to their teachers. (To date we have prioritised our exam classes but with yesterday's government announcement, we may now have the funding to roll this out to other years but we are still waiting for details on how this scheme will work in practice.)

We do not expect you to be 'teaching' your children at home but appreciate any support you can give them. Many of us are parents ourselves and acknowledge and understand the challenge of working from home whilst supporting our own children. We have therefore endeavoured to provide learning which is accessible for all, as we find new rhythms and patterns for working remotely.

Over the next few weeks:

- **Teachers will continue to email their classes weekly** - this will be to catch up, to provide whole class feedback on previous assignments and to give clear guidance about the new work set and where to find the resources for that week. Please ensure your children check their school email accounts regularly but only use them for communication with their teachers (some inboxes are very full and need emptying)
- **All assignments will now be set as home learning on the SLG** with clear weekly or fortnightly deadlines. This is the system we are all used to using and so we hope there will be improved consistency in accessing remote learning from home
- **Students will be expected to submit work electronically to their teachers by the deadline** or contact their teacher to explain why this is not possible. If work has not been completed you will receive an automated email to let you know that is the case

Online learning will be different for Year 10 in the core subjects: in addition to the home learning assignments set on the SLG maths and science will use the webinars platform that has previously proved popular and successful for live lessons (science will begin today); whilst some English teachers are going to trial Loom software (recorded videos to provide feedback and guidance).

In addition to the rich, bespoke curriculum being provided by the school, we would like to share a few documents and links that might be useful:

- The BBC have developed a 14 week long resource for learning which includes TV 'lessons' and expanded online resources (as this only went live today we have yet to explore it but over the next few weeks teachers might be guiding you to specific programmes or resources that complement our assignments):

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bitesize-daily-schedules-teach/zdtwjhv>

- In their daily education update the Department for Education (DfE) have published a guide for parents which contains advice and support and recommended links to resources:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources>

Hopefully you will now have visited

<https://public.dorothy-stringer.co.uk/ds/Pages/Home.aspx#> as this is where we will continue to share ideas around learning at home.

Kind regards,

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