

#STRINGER LEARNING @HOME

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As lockdown continues and we enter our fourth week of school closure, we'd like to thank you for all the support you are giving your children to engage with and complete the home learning assignments set by our staff. We are all giving of our best to maintain contact with our classes and create appropriate work which allows them to continue to learn at home. We recognise these difficult times present many serious challenges for all families and are mindful that access to technology in our homes is limited; if some assignments are not completed, so be it. In an attempt to reduce stress we have also switched off the automatic emails that tell you if your child has not met a deadline for all KS3 classes. We also thank you for the thoughtful feedback you have sent us and we continue to adapt and refine the way we are working.

- We hope you enjoyed our first issue of the [#StringerLearning@Home Gallery](#) which featured examples of students' fantastic work in English, geography and art. Later this week we'll send you issue #2 which will celebrate assignments from maths, history and drama
- This is probably the first time your children have had to deal with multiple emails as a form of communication. Therefore our computing department has created a step by step guide to help them to manage and organise their emails – see attached pdf document.
- All resources required for an assignment to be completed should now be integrated into the Home Learning tab when students log on to their home page of the SLG – you can watch a short flythrough of how your child needs to navigate this page here <https://youtu.be/IfKhhmTIYcw>
- The majority of resources should be available as both PDF and Word – there is no requirement to print these off. If your child is unable to complete the work electronically then they can answer with pen and paper and perhaps send a photo to teachers. If work cannot be sent electronically, please ensure you child is organising and filing all work and letting their teachers know what has been completed
- We have also provisioned every student with an office 365 account which gives access to Word, PowerPoint and Excel on up to five devices for free. Please download from office.com using your school email address and password

If you feel your children are overwhelmed with the remote learning they are being set, we believe you are the people best placed to guide them and let them know that their teachers will be understanding if not everything is completed each week. Keep in touch with us and let us know how your children are faring

Take care,

Liz Uren, Deputy Head Teacher