



Letter to Y7-Y10 parents – end of term 5

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are staying safe and well.

As we approach the end of term 5, I am writing to update you on our home learning provision for term 6. We now know that there will be hundreds of our pupils who will continue to learn at home for the rest of the academic year so it was important for us to review the provision that we are providing, as well as the ways that we can encourage engagement and give feedback.

Firstly, thank you very much for your support during this term. We know that many pupils are engaging with the online maths work on Hegarty Maths, and that there are also many who are engaging with the science work on Doodle. There has also been various communications between staff and pupils on Show My Homework. As the length of school closure increases, we want to be able to utilise the online platforms more.

In order for this to happen, subject leaders and their teams are working hard on creating the work for term 6 so that the first set is ready for June 1st. It will be broken down into these chunks:

- Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June
- Monday 15th June – Friday 26th June
- Monday 29th June – Friday 10th July
- Monday 13th July – Tuesday 21st July

Each subject will have a maximum of two documents: a Word document that contains the proformas that you are used to, plus any other resources that are needed, and a second document (if required) in a different format, such as PowerPoint or a PDF.

All documents will be labelled in the same way: year group, subject, time frame. Example: Year 7 English Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June

The proforma will be slightly different as we want to ensure that the structure of the way in which pupils are learning at home mirrors the way that lessons are structured at school. This is especially important as pupils will now be spending a longer length of time away from school. The language that we are using (new material, practice, review) is the language that we use when planning and delivering lessons. The proforma will be structured like this:

Year group	
Date	
Subject	
Time	
Teacher email addresses	
New Material	
Practice	
Review	
Other ideas	

The review section for subjects will be:

- Maths – quizzes on Hegarty Maths
- Science – quizzes on Doodle
- PE – quizzes on Doodle
- All other subjects – quizzes on Show My Homework

We will be able to monitor engagement on all of these platforms, and pupils will be able to get instant feedback once the quizzes are complete.

The 'other ideas' section is important too as it provides wider opportunities for learning and pupils can focus on subjects that they are particularly interested in. We would encourage pupils to engage with some of these activities to broaden their knowledge and experience. This will be of a huge benefit to the pupils when we return to normal schooling.

The timetable is slightly altered as well so the subjects on a Friday for Y7 and Y8 are once a fortnight, rather than once a week.

	Y7	Y8	Y9	Y10
Monday	English - 90 mins Maths - 90 mins	English - 90 mins Maths - 90 mins	English - 90 mins Maths - 90 mins	English - 90 mins Maths - 90 mins
Tuesday	Maths - 90 mins Science - 90 mins	Maths - 90 mins Science - 90 mins	Maths - 90 mins Science - 90 mins	Maths - 90 mins Science - 90 mins
Wednesday	English - 90 mins Science - 90 mins	English - 90 mins Science - 90 mins	English - 90 mins Science - 90 mins	English - 90 mins Science - 90 mins
Thursday	History - 60 mins Geography - 60 mins French/Spanish - 60 mins	History - 60 mins Geography - 60 mins French/Spanish - 60 mins	Option A - 90 mins Option B - 90 mins	Option A - 90 mins Option B - 90 mins
Friday	Art - 60 mins* Drama - 60 mins* Music - 60 mins* ICT - 60 mins*	Art - 60 mins* Drama - 60 mins* Music - 60 mins* ICT - 60 mins* Technology - 60 mins*	Option C - 90 mins Option D - 90 mins	Option C - 90 mins Option D - 90 mins

* once a fortnight



Lastly, thank you for your own engagement with us through the many phone calls and emails that are keeping us in touch with each other. We will continue to make regular phone calls to all families and please get in touch with us if you need to.

We hope that you and your families have a lovely half term.

Yours faithfully

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