

22nd May 2020

Dear Parent

As we reach the end of this half term, I wish to share with you further updates with regard to the home learning curriculum. Sub-headings have been used to help you to locate information more easily.

Parent Consultation: Home Learning Survey Results

Thank you for all of the feedback received from parents and carers via our home learning survey. We had 146 respondents and your comments are invaluable in helping us to continue to refine the effectiveness of our provision for our children. Key results are outlined below:

- 93% of parents agree that their child is engaging with the home learning curriculum;
- 86% of parents agree that the two week timetable and the 30 minute sessions have helped their child to manage their learning whilst 93% like how the timetable can be adapted to suit the home situation;
- 93% of parents agree that English, Maths and Science should be set daily whilst 95% agree that four subjects a day with a physical activity is a good balance;
- 82% of parents agree that the one day deadline for work helps their child to manage their time and amount of work set;
- 29% of parents would prefer their child to have a one week deadline for all work set.

Therefore, the two week timetable will continue after the half term. The daily deadlines will also continue but as mentioned previously, as this is a two week timetable, students will not be penalised if they submit work within that two week time frame.

Home Learning Developments

In light of the feedback provided, the following developments are underway:

- **Science:** Tassomai will continue to be set daily for all students but additional work will be set via Show My Homework to extend students' learning from the 1st June onwards. In Years 7 and 8, Physics, Biology and Chemistry topic based work will be set on a weekly rotational cycle for each Science. Week 1 will focus on Physics; week 2 will focus on Biology. In Years 9 and 10, work for all three Sciences - Physics, Biology and Chemistry - will be set weekly.
- **Google Classroom:** this platform has now been set-up. Teachers are currently receiving training and students will receive their log-in details at the start of the next half term along with student guidance on how it is used to support submissions of work. Students will need their school email address to access the platform, which some students already use as their Show My Homework username. Students can access their student email account by visiting mail.hayleacademy.net and logging in using their school computer log-in details. Further log-in information and guidance will be sent after the half term.
- Teachers have been asked to include the date that work



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is set on Show My Homework in line with the timetable; they have also been asked to marry up the title of the work more closely with the timetable.

- Individual subject overviews have been included on the timetable document to give parents further information regarding the focus and context of the learning in each subject for the two week period. We do hope that you find this useful as we all work together to support our children.
- As part of the next phase in learning, we will be trialling on-line tutorials in History and Geography through Google Meet linked to Google Classroom. This exciting development is planned for week commencing the 22nd June to enable students to have a live interface with their teachers. In line with curriculum plans, the tutorials may take the form of presentations to explain key concepts or teacher explanations to address misconceptions or to respond to questions from students. Further information will follow.
- In terms of Maths provision, our Maths teachers do provide feedback to students via HegartyMaths. From today, they will also indicate on Show My Homework whether the Maths work has been completed by your child on a weekly basis to support communication with home. Your support in encouraging your child to use HegartyMaths daily is appreciated.

For your information, the awarding of merits for home learning is continuing and we have extended this with letters of commendation from the Head of School. Demerits are not been used because we appreciate that each student has a different context for their home learning with their own challenges.

Furthermore, our pastoral, safeguarding and SEND teams are in regular contact with many families. If you would like to speak to a member of staff about any issues or concerns, please do contact the school directly.

The survey feedback has been shared with staff for their consideration when planning, setting and feeding back work.

Show My Homework Notifications

There is the option for parents and students to turn off 'push' notifications via settings if this helps to manage the number of notifications received for work that is not submitted. If students 'tick off' the task from their 'to-do list' this will also stop notifications being sent.

Timetable for 1st June – 12th June

Please find attached the timetable for the next two week period from Monday 1st June. This includes the subject information and the optional activities, including the links to BBC Daily Lessons and to the resources and lessons provided by Oak National Academy.

Teachers will not set work over the half term break next week but will continue to set work from Monday 1st June.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do contact the school.

Thank you very much for your continued support and partnership. Your feedback is very much appreciated.

Best wishes

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