

Friday 24 April 2020

Dear parents and carers

Fairfield Live!

Thank you all very much for your support of the launch of our live online lessons this week. It has been a learning curve for all of us, but we have been very pleased with the efforts made by most of our students to engage with the lessons. As I explained to you in my previous letter, we are keeping a register of students who 'attend' each lesson; our expectation is that ALL students in Years 7 - 10 attend every lesson on their timetable. As the timetable is very light, with a maximum of two lessons a day, we hope that this is a reasonable expectation which is manageable with your other home commitments.

We have reviewed each individual day this week and looked back at the whole week today and would like to share the following feedback with you.

- Attendance in lessons has been as follows:
 - Year 7 82%
 - Year 8 89%
 - Year 9 83%
 - Year 10 86%

Whilst this is a good start and we appreciate there have been some technical issues to overcome in some cases, we will be following up students who have not attended any sessions, to offer support with logging on or with equipment etc if it is needed so that we have 100% attendance next week as far as possible.

- There has been some confusion between **Google Classroom** and **Google Meet**. Google Classroom has a section where each subject set work; Google Meet is where students log into their online lessons. **Please can you ensure that your child checks Google Classroom every day to see whether there is ongoing homework to do or work to prepare before the online lesson.** Now that all students are more confident with Google Classroom, we will be putting all work there rather than using the website, so that students only need to access one place.
- Please ensure that your child logs on to the lesson promptly and has their book/pencil case/ any other equipment with them.
- BBC Bitesize has produced a series of online lessons for every year group which are very useful additions to our Fairfield lessons - *not* a substitute! - but helpful for consolidating or extending learning in a variety of subjects.
- We will be sending Year 9 their Options information next week. We may make some changes to the timetable so that they can begin their GCSE subjects a little early, but this will not happen for a couple of weeks. Until further notice, Year 9 should continue with **all** their subjects as normal. We do expect

students in Years 9 and 10 to make a particular effort to engage with lessons and to complete all work set, because we will need to move on quickly with exam work when we return to school.

- Please keep checking your emails and notifications from school as we will be communicating any information to you via email. If you do not receive information, change your details or need help in any way, please contact admin@fairfield.hereford.sch.uk This email address is monitored daily and we will try to respond as quickly as we can.
- If you need support to access Google Classroom or Google Meet, please contact Mr Lloyd on olloyd@gvsc.org.uk or Mr Waterhouse on swaterhouse@gvsc.org.uk who will do their best to help you.

Once again, thank you for your support and the many emails of thanks and encouragement we have received! If you have any feedback for us about any aspect of the online lessons, please let us know on the admin address. In the meantime, I hope you and your families remain safe and well and are able to enjoy some of the lovely sunshine we have at the moment.

Best wishes

Sue Gaston.

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