



JANUARY 25TH 2021

Thank you for your contribution to our recent survey to see how students were coping after 2 weeks of remote learning. We were delighted with such a high response rate and also extremely positive comments which are always very pleasing. We will follow up concerns with a call if this has not already been done.

Here are some of the main points we have taken from the survey and some of the slight adaptations we plan on making from today to help you as parents and students get the most from Google Classroom.

You spoke we listened !

- All lessons and information will be uploaded at 9am each morning for the day ahead. These lessons will be those that your child has that particular day.
- Deadlines - we had very mixed views on deadlines and we are trying hard to accommodate many different circumstances. Deadlines will not be set for the same day as the task is given. They are also to be used as a guideline but all activities will have a deadline so that they show up on a students' workstream. If a deadline is missed work can still be handed in after this date.
- We will continue to communicate in the way we have as 100% of replies said that they appreciated the communication to date.
- 94% of replies felt supported by the College which we are extremely pleased with but if there are any issues at all please contact us in one of the ways listed at the bottom of the next page.
- Following many pastoral calls home we would ask that if possible you check that your child has completed all of the work. We have had some instances of students in their Google classrooms saying they have completed work and handing in blank sheets so the assignment reads as completed. A teacher will always follow this up but on some occasions students are saying work is completed when it is not.
- We will continue to try and offer a range of different types of lesson from Google Meet to written tasks to practical tasks. Please be conscious we do not want students sitting behind a computer or tablet all day every day and a variety of tasks is essential.

Student Health and Well being



It is so important when we are all working from home that we get into a good routine.

You need to find time to complete your work on Google Classroom and turn up for any meetings that teachers organise with you.

Look at the picture to the left and see if you can recognise and tick off things you and your family are already doing.

The most important is getting up, getting school work completed, having regular breaks and then make time for you and your family.

Everyone is finding the whole situation difficult, but you can help reduce STRESS for everyone by getting into a routine.

School Counsellor

If anyone feels they would like to chat with the school counsellor Rachel, please get in touch with Mrs Millington **or** go onto the Familyworks website and you can fill in a self-referral form.

If you are on the waiting list to see Rachel keep checking your emails as this is how Rachel will get in touch with you.

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