

27 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are healthy and you are all staying safe.

To support students' health and well-being, subject leaders are currently working towards creating a series of online fun enrichment challenges which will help to keep your child motivated during this time. These will be available through accessing a link on our website. More information on this will be sent during the next few days.

During these unprecedented times, all schools are setting tasks for students to be completed from home. This is generally referred to as **distance-learning**. Whilst we recognise that this is clearly not going to be of the same quality provision as students would receive in school, it will be really important for them to complete the work so that when things return to normal we will have kept the negative impact on their learning to a minimum.

To support with this, staff are continuing to utilise FROG so that you and your child can see what has been set, along with deadlines. Staff have been asked to record on SERCO (E-Portal) instances when students have made every effort to complete work to the best of their ability. Rewards for distance learning will include: bonus credits, positive texts home, Head of Year commendation and Senior Leadership calls home. In the unlikely event that students do not engage with the work, deadlines are not met, or insufficient effort is made, teachers will record this on the parent portal. This is to help you to monitor and support your child to stay up to date.

Should students miss a number of deadlines then their teachers will contact you to raise your awareness and to ask you to further support your child in completing their tasks.

If you are finding that your child is reluctant to engage with this learning or is just simply finding it difficult to organise themselves then please consider the possible strategies below:

- Have set times for them to work so that they know exactly when they should be doing school work.
- If they are overwhelmed by the volume of work that they have to do, help them to plan what they are going to work on each day. Split it up into different subjects at different times. There will be deadlines for each task so please help them to prioritise.
- If on any day they have completed all tasks set to the best of their ability then they can always revise their learning since September, or from the start of KS4 if applicable, so as to maximise the chances of them retaining the learning that they have done so far this year.
- If you are at work yourself during the day and would prefer to supervise them while they are working, give them their "free time" while you are at work and have them complete tasks for school in the evenings.



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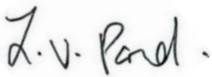
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- Do check FROG regularly with them to help you see what is being asked of them, and also check SERCO (parent-Portal) to make sure that they are not accruing events for missed distance-learning.

If your child becomes unwell and is not able to complete any work set for them for a period of time, please email admin@hungerhillschool.com so we can pass a message to their subject teachers. Please notify us when they are well again to allow us to track progress effectively.


In terms of the health situation we are all hoping that things will start to improve sooner rather than later and understand that the completion of school work pales into insignificance compared to what many are going through. However, by providing our students with this link to school and keeping them learning, we hope that we are at least giving them some sort of normality when the time we are living in is anything but normal.

Yours sincerely



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