



19/03/2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you can imagine, we have been very busy organising remote learning for our pupils so they can continue learning and making progress. Each year group had an assembly today in school. We made it clear to all pupils that it is not an 'extended holiday' and that they should act responsibly whilst the school is closed and follow the guidelines given by the government. This is a time for good behaviour and community spirit.

We explained that, whilst we are closed, pupils need to complete work set by their teachers. Remote learning will be via Synergy and/ or Google Classroom. As I mentioned in yesterday's letter, if you are having problems with logging into Synergy then please let school know via [enquiries@thehollins.com](mailto:enquiries@thehollins.com) and someone will provide you with some support.

**Year 7 and Year 8 pupils** are expected to complete three hours of work a day. Teachers will be setting work as follow:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English	Maths	Science	Computing	RE
History	Geography	English	Maths	Science
Spanish	Technology	Music	French	Art

**Year 9 and Year 10 pupils** will have to do a minimum of three hours of work per day and the work will be set by their classroom teachers. Work will be set every week. Year 9 and Year 10 pupils must ensure they also use GCSE Pod and Seneca Learning to consolidate their learning.

It has been a very emotional day for our **Year 11 pupils** and their teachers. All staff are feeling for our youngsters who have been working so hard to prepare for their GCSEs. Although we are still uncertain as to how these will be assessed, I have reassured them in their assembly this morning that education is never wasted and, whatever qualifications they do receive, they will have earned them. As soon as we know how Year 11 pupils will be assessed, we will let you know. That's why we insist that Year 11 pupils keep working hard and complete the work set by their teachers via Synergy and Google Classroom.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

I hope you and your family stay safe and well.

Steve Campbell

Headteacher