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Dear Parent/Carer

Helping your children to study at home in Year 8

We know this is an unsettling time for everyone and we will continue to update you as and when we receive further information. You may be wondering how you can support your children at home. We want to remind you that giving children **structure** to their day helps them to feel safe.

In response to this, we are producing a timetable for each student to enable them to continue with their learning at home.

In year 8, tasks set by teachers should each take approximately 30 minutes. We realise that the level of support you can offer your child will be dependent on your personal situation e.g. younger children in the house, your health, and so forth. We have tried to make this learning as child-led as possible.

As a parent, the following will help you to create regularity for your child whilst the school is closed:

- Set up timely routines for your child, for example consistency with their sleep and food routine.
- Where possible, try to keep the structure of weekends different from week days. Try to get your child studying from 9am for example.
- Find a space for your child to work independently.
- Limit your child's time on games consoles to the same time each week day.
- Provide time for your child to exercise daily. There are some great videos online that will support you with this and we will also include some ideas for this in the information that we send out to you and your child.
- Encourage your child to watch educational documentaries such as wildlife programmes. BBC4 have some wonderful programmes for young people.
- Give your child an area of responsibility at home, for example looking after plants or the family pet.



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Timetable

Year 8	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	English	English	PSHE	English	English
	Science	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
	History	Languages	Science	Geography	Science
	REP	PE	Music	PE	Languages
	Art	Digital Media	Enrichment	Drama	Food/DT

Resources

Students will be able to access a wide variety of online learning and activities. Whilst teachers will share resources via Google Classroom, students are encouraged to also independently access the online learning and quizzing platforms such as:

- Hegarty Maths
- Seneca
- Quizlet
- Educake
- BBC Bitesize
- BrainPOP
- Tynker
- Khan Academy

This list is not exhaustive and can be supplemented by alternatives that you might find that relate to the learning your child is doing or that they are simply interested in. We will be providing physical resources where appropriate.

As a community, we value the importance and impact of reading and so encourage students to continue to read every day for at least 20 minutes in addition to the learning set by teachers. We have provided students with the opportunity to take a book home from the library to support with this.

Communication

If you have any questions around access to work, please contact your child's Head of Year, Pete Hurren, via email (p.hurren@osb.school) and Kate Richards, Assistant Headteacher (k.richards@osb.school).

If you have specific questions regarding the work in a subject, please contact your child's teacher and the Head of Faculty via email. A list of teacher emails can be found on the website (initial.surname@osb.school). Students can also contact their teacher's via their class google classroom page.

When contacting the school, please email two members of staff so that we can ensure any queries can be dealt with quickly.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. For general enquiries, info@osb.school

Yours sincerely

Orchard School Staff