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Dear Parent/Carer

Term 5 Arrangements During School Closure – Year 8 Students

Welcome back to our new term, one that continues under the very different arrangements we have during school closure. We hope that you have managed to have something of a break over the last two weeks during what continues to be a challenging and unsettling time. As we start term 5, we remind you that giving children structure to their day helps them to feel safe. The start of a new term brings a focus back to our school timetable for students to continue with their learning at home.

After a break from the school timetable, it's useful to return to the following to create regularity for your child whilst the school remains 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.

We are continuing with the timetable set up at the end of last term. We will be setting all student's learning through Google Classrooms and resource packs will not be sent through the post to all students.

Students will need to logon each day to check the learning that they have been set. In some cases, project and booklet work continues to run through the start of this term and students have already received details.

If your child has any problems with accessing their learning online, please make sure we are aware of this - please see the communications information below.

In year 8, tasks set by teachers should each take approximately 30 minutes per session on the timetable. 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.



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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 and 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.

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