

Dormers Wells High School

MATHS AND COMPUTING SPECIALIST SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As is much presented in the media we begin our summer term in very strange times. However, as we have said right from the beginning of our remote learning strategy – “the building might be closed – learning is not!”.

Online Learning: Your Learning Schedule

We continue to provide remote learning resources through our website at [Click here for the Learning Schedule](#)

Please remember though, that we understand that many of you are dealing with challenging circumstances at present and, as a school, our expectations remain realistic. If your son or daughter is facing any challenges that may hinder their ability to complete all of the work set, please communicate directly with the relevant Year teams, who will be happy to support.

The vast majority of our students are getting on with their remote learning and we are pleased with their commitment. Some of you have asked for exercise books to record or write some responses. Whilst we are encouraging the use of online submissions, we are more than happy to provide any students exercise books if they so wish. If your child needs an exercise book, then please request by completing the online form [click here](#).

Centre Assessed Grades

The school is now in the process of compiling grades for Years 11 and 13 and will be submitting these to exam boards in due course. I have attached a more detailed letter with this email which you should find helpful. There are some key points that I would like to emphasise in this letter:

- All grading will be objective and fair. The school has put in a rigorous checking process before submission which will ensure this.
- Under no circumstances will anyone in the school discuss grades with students or parents. Please do not enquire as advised by Ofqual.
- From 1st May, no A-Level, BTEC or GCSE work will be set on our online platform for Years 11 and 13.
- We will instead be introducing transition work for our Year 11 students to ready them for Post 16 study in September.
- Year 13 students should be researching their subject of study at university and begin pre reading. Students are advised to check the university’s portals.

Laptops

As you may be aware, the Government is looking to provide laptops for some students who may struggle to access online learning at home. At present, DWHS is awaiting further guidance from the Government regarding how this will be managed on a school level. We will, of course, update you as soon as we know more.

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Key Workers

The school continues to support the national effort in combating COVID 19. We remain open for all children of Key Workers as defined by the Government. If you fall under this category and require a place for your son or daughter, please contact us by completing this form: [Click here](#)

As you are no doubt aware, information from the Government is being released regularly and discussions around when schools will return are ongoing. We are desperate to bring our community back together when it is safe to do so and we will communicate any updates with you when we receive further guidance. In the meantime, please continue to communicate with us regularly. The school building may be closed, but the community certainly is not.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh
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