

Parent / Carer Newsletter 7

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We hope that you are all keeping well.

As we reach the end of a half term working from home, we would like to say how proud we are of all of our students who have adapted to a different routine, engaged with new ways of learning and persevered through the technical challenges of online learning.

Next week is half term so there won't be any online learning for students to complete. We hope you are able to enjoy some time together as a family.

News about re-opening of schools:

We said last week that we would send out letters about the curriculum for next half term for each year group. This work is still ongoing as the government guidance for some face to face teaching for Year 10 and Year 12 has not yet been confirmed.

However, next half term, we are aiming to provide the following for all year groups:

- Some weekly online live teaching on Teams
- Some assessment for each year group

The main format of study will continue to be online learning and we will be sending out a timetable for the online live lessons so that both parents / carers and students will know when they are happening. We very much appreciate that students and parents / carers would like to have more online live teaching and it is our aim to increase this across all year groups. However, a timetable to include the in-school provision for the children of key workers, some face to face teaching for Year 10 and Year 12 and a suite of online live lessons is quite complex, so we will be in touch as soon as possible with further information!

Keeping in touch:

In addition to email and lesson contact, we are continuing with our phone call contact to students. After half term, form tutors will be in touch with Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12 students.

Our students have also been sent a newsletter with ideas and activities. Just a reminder that whilst we recommend websites and links to students in good faith, it is always worth checking the websites that your child is accessing online. A useful government site for keeping your child safe online is: www.thinkuknow.co.uk There are also useful ideas in the Sheffield Star Learning Supplement <https://learnsheffield.co.uk/Covid-19>

Farewell:

This half term we say farewell to Mrs Barker from the MFL department and Mrs Gillen from the mathematics department who are both leaving to go on maternity leave and we look forward to hearing about their new arrivals and welcoming them back next year. Miss Middleton from the RE department is also leaving to go on maternity leave, but she will not be returning to school. We wish her all the very best with her new arrival and for her future.

As the person who currently collates this newsletter, I would also like to say farewell. I have been at All Saints for 19 years, but from 1 June I shall be taking up a Deputy Head post at another school. It is certainly strange to be leaving and starting a job whilst working virtually and although I am looking forward to a new adventure, I shall miss the whole community of All Saints, and especially the students. I have many, many fond memories of this amazing school but as Mr Pender often says; 'once a member of the All Saints family, always a member' – that is certainly how I feel as I move on. With my very best wishes, Jo Picknell, Assistant Headteacher.

We will be in touch again after half term.

Sending all of our best wishes. Our thoughts and prayers go out to families who are currently affected by illness or bereavement.

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