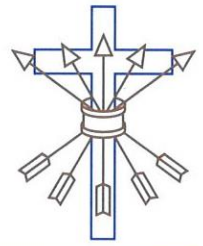


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Dear Year 13 Parents and Carers,

I hope your son/daughter is settling into our new routines at school. We are working very hard to ensure our whole community is kept as safe as possible and to their credit, Year 13 are very much helping us to do this; their maturity and graciousness as a year group is considerable and we are delighted to have them back in school.

Following my previous letter earlier in the week, we said we would contact you to confirm arrangements for Year 13 Home Study. You will be aware I am sure from your son/daughter that life and study in the Sixth Form is very different to their freedom and privileges they normally enjoy, due to the safety measures we have in place. They are confined to certain study areas and lunch venues, they cannot go to the village for lunch, and there is much more supervision, when possible.

In light of this and the fact that the vast majority of Year 13 students rose so strongly to the challenge of independent study at home during lockdown, we want to recognise this and afford them some further independence, as young adults. As a result, we are extending our Home Study Privilege to enable Year 13 to leave school at second break (1.50pm) five afternoons across the fortnight, on designated periods when they do not have lessons. We will confirm these Home Study lessons with students on their timetables and they will be able to share this information with you on Monday after school. Students must sign out in the Study Centre and once they leave the school site, they are not allowed to return until the following day. They must not congregate in the park at the front of school and should follow all government safety regulations as they leave the school site.

To stress, if your son/daughter would rather stay in school to study during these times, they are very welcome. If we have concerns about a student not submitting work, falling behind with their studies or not following the rules surrounding Home Study, individual students will lose this privilege and be required to be in school full time from 8.30am to 3.10pm. There are a very small number of students in the year group who do not have five study periods at the end of day each fortnight; these students will be allowed to come into school a little later one morning a week, to ensure fairness across the year group.

If you have any questions about Home Study, please do not hesitate to get in contact. Thank you for all your support.

Best wishes,

Annalies Mclver
Head of Sixth Form