

Dear Student

We hope you have had a relaxing half term break, enjoying some activities to make you feel refreshed and re-energised.

As we begin another half term, we wanted to take this moment to say a huge well done for all of your hard work in your distance learning so far. The way you have adapted to your new way of learning has been inspirational to us. We have really enjoyed planning your lessons and feeling connected to you. We love finding out each week how many of you have logged into MS Teams and we also love looking at how you have done in your quizzes and assignments. We especially enjoy it when you send us work that you are really proud of.

We wanted to share some important developments and reminders on MS Teams

- 1) As you should know, each of you have a **Year Team**. Go there at the beginning and end of your day of online learning for some really important and encouraging messages from your teachers.
- 2) In English and Science, your teams will be slightly different – they are now **Class Teams**. That means your teacher can really support you and monitor your work in different ways – giving you feedback more easily.
- 3) We are going to be offering more video lessons from your teachers. Further details on this will follow soon. Look out this week for some video lessons in English, Maths and Science in the **Posts** section of Teams.
- 4) We listened to your feedback before half term and we going to continue to work on the areas that you have identified that make a great online lesson – not too much content, small steps, clear instructions and teacher videos and examples.
- 5) We want to encourage you to use the subject help emails with any questions you have about your work, or if you wish to send in work for your teacher to check. Remember, for each subject they follow this format – Englishhelp@chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk or Geographyhelp@chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk etc.

We know we have been apart for a long time. We miss you desperately and cannot wait to have the opportunity to see you, talk to you and teach you face to face once again. Until then, we are putting all of our energy into providing the best quality online lessons on MS Teams, along with daily communication for you in your Year Teams. Please make sure you log in every day and engage in all of the learning that awaits you.