

Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an incredible week of distance learning! Please pass on to our students how proud we are of their engagement with distance learning. Whilst this is not at all what we want and if it was safe to do so we would much prefer to teach our students in our classrooms, students have really risen to the challenge of live lessons and their teachers couldn't be happier with them. Equally, a big thank you to parents for your unwavering support.

In terms of updates, and due to the increased communication this week, we only have a couple of messages for parents in this letter.

Next week, live lessons will continue for all Year groups, in all subjects apart from Years 7 and 8 Dance, Drama, Music and Art lessons. We have received feedback that 5 hours online can be difficult for our younger students. This allows us to reduce the amount of screen time for students in these Year groups, gives us the capacity to run our vulnerable student provision and will help develop the enrichment offer for all students. All lessons for these subjects will be posted in student's Class Team starting from Monday next week. Students may still complete these lessons at the normal timetabled time, however it will also give families the flexibility for these to be completed later in the day, if appropriate. These lessons will enable students to develop their creative skills through practical projects.

We are also aware that it is a difficult time for many of our families for many different reasons. So, we wanted to share with you the following link to our website where we are putting together a collection of ways families can access support available for: Food, Heat, Benefit, Mental Health, Mobile Device Access. This information will be available, using this link, from Monday. If you know of any useful support families might benefit from, please let the school know and we will share this. <https://www.chorltonhigh.manchester.sch.uk/family>

We hope you have a good weekend. We look forward to seeing our students back online on Monday, starting our second week of live lessons.

Stay safe and well,
Chorlton High School