



18 June 2020

Dear Year 9,

I hope that you and your families are well and that you have got back into the swing of working from home now that we are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of term 6. Well done for the brilliant work that you have been producing and hopefully you have got yourselves into some form of routine for working from home. If you ever experience difficulties, please let us know so that we can help. Remember we are here to support you. If you are struggling to upload work this guide should help:

<https://help.teamsatchel.com/en/articles/2912000-submitting-my-work-online>

As previously outlined you should only be spending the allotted time on each piece of work (45 minutes). Please continue to break up your day with something that makes you feel good. Now that we are able to exercise more frequently, I would really encourage you to keep active as best as you can. It's been great to hear and read the activities that you have been doing to keep fit and some of you have sent in some excellent videos and photos! Many of you will be starting to begin some form of social distance training with your clubs, which I know you will be looking forward to. My football club start training next week, I'm not sure I'm quite ready for the fitness part of pre-season yet! Alongside playing tennis a couple of times a week, I've been getting out once a day for a walk or run and have been limiting my PlayStation to 45 minutes a day. For those of you that are interested I have made it into Division 1 on online co-op seasons with my brother! It has sometimes been a struggle playing with my brother, but playing with France and having Mbappe up front certainly helps! The sports fans amongst you might be looking forward to the return of the Premier League. I was secretly hoping that Liverpool might not get to lift the title, but it looks inevitable now!

Speaking to families and other teachers, it has been lovely to hear how some of you are keeping in touch, through social distance exercising or watching films/playing games online with others.

Your teachers continue to keep me informed of how you are getting on and it has been excellent to hear of and see your fantastic work. Many of you have produced some incredible pieces of work and you may have been rewarded by receiving an Outstanding Work certificate, this makes me really proud- keep it up! For those of you that might be struggling with some of the tasks, I ask that you try your best and attempt to at least submit some work from the task, even if you are unable to complete it.

Here are some messages from your tutors:

9H- Mrs Christmas

It has been fantastic hearing about the great work you have been doing for your subjects and around the home helping your families – it makes me incredibly proud that my once little year 7 tutees have grown and matured into such wonderful young men. I hope you are all well and I am looking forward to being your form tutor again next year! Don't forget, you can always message me on SMHW!

9A- Mr Waight

Just wanted to say a massive well done to you all. I know that these have been unusual times but I have been pleased with the engagement with your maths work and also the number of achievement points we have accumulated as a form! Well done and keep up the good work.

9Y- Miss Edwards

I have really enjoyed our Form Fridays - so far the form have helped me buy my next pair of shoes, told me jokes, created a Lockdown playlist and played I - Spy! I really miss you all and can't wait to see you in Year 10. Keep the work coming in, I am so proud of the many that have continued to submit work when I know motivation is lessening.

The **English** teachers have told me that you have been concentrating on your speeches and that it has been fantastic to see the range of ideas and opinions! By doing this work now, you will have more time to spend on your texts next year so well done!

I know that the **Maths** department have thought the research projects on famous Mathematicians, such as Pascal, Pythagoras and Turing was superb. This is excellent, well done to all of you for this.

When speaking with the **Science** department they have been wowed by your continued hard work and enthusiasm! They are loving marking your work and seeing what you have been doing so please keep submitting it!

I want to thank you for getting your options choices submitted last month and you will shortly be receiving written communication confirming your choices and informing you that you are no longer required to complete tasks for subjects you will not be studying in September. I really hope it will give you all a lift and increase your motivation and of course a chance to impress in your chosen subjects.

I'll leave you with a few extra time-passing ideas to boost your energy and self-esteem during the remainder of this term:

- Think of a cooking ingredient you have never tasted. Find and cook a recipe with it for your family.
- Read up on the rules of a sport you've never understood and finally get your head around it – celebrate by watching classic matches/record breaking moments on YouTube. I have found The Last Dance on Netflix to be an incredible watch.
- Plan and host a quiz for your friends/family on things you've learnt through SMHW this term and invite them to take part on Zoom - It's nice to show off your knowledge and be the expert.

Stay safe and take care,



Mr Boddy – Head of Year 9