

9 February 2021

Screen-free Friday

We would like to inform you of the arrangements for this Friday 12 February 2021. In recognition of the hard work and outstanding endeavours of our students this half term in adapting to our new way of learning, we will be altering the structure of the day very slightly. We understand the amount of screen time your child has had to engage in this term and anxieties that may well be attached to this, so we have decided to change the focus of the day and move learning away from the computer screens.

Each subject has prepared a range of different tasks that can be completed away from a computer in preparation for the day. The tasks can be downloaded from the files section of your child's year team page. Form tutors will help students locate these tasks prior to the day. Please note that your child is only expected to complete 5 tasks from all the subjects. They do not need to complete all that have been listed, this has been done to give variety and stimulate engagement. They may decide to complete 1 Geography, 1 History, 1 PE, 1 Science and 1 Maths even though these lessons are not on their timetable for that day. Work for this day does not need to be handed in but if they would like to share their work please ask them to email their form tutors.

Although this is an off screen day, students will still need to receive their AM and PM registration. For this to happen we require pupils to log in on TEAMS at the following times.

AM Registration	8.50 am with their form tutor
PM Registration	12.30 pm with their usual period 4 lesson teacher

If your child is a Post-16 student, Students in Year 12 and 13 will be able to use the day to catch up on any outstanding work. Year 12 will need to register in form on Friday morning to get their attendance mark and a registration link will be sent out for year 13 to register period 1 on Friday. Once registered they can use the day to catch up with any outstanding work.

Students who are currently coming into school to access their learning can continue to do so. A range of activities will be in place to take part in. Students in school will need to come in wearing their PE kit.

We are looking forward to a successful day.

Engagement to online lessons

Thank you for your support in helping us to adjust our educational provision to a remote online platform. Certainly from the feedback received, the students experience has been a positive one, and in all, has allowed us to push ahead with the delivery of the curriculum.

We are now in the fifth week of using scores within Go 4 Schools to give you and the pastoral teams some feedback on the level of engagement, enabling us to gain a further insight as to the extent to which your child has not only attended all lessons but has also demonstrated to the teacher their willingness to learn. The level of engagement descriptions are designed to provide flexibility for the student to demonstrate their engagement.

It is also important to note that the engagement descriptions focus on the effort of the student to engage as well as the detailed and high standard of work that may be submitted, thus avoiding disadvantaging students who may find some subjects difficult.

I hope this information will provide clarity in your understanding of the feedback on your child's remote learning experience in Go 4 Schools. Please do use this information to have conversations with your child about their lessons and their learning.

If you haven't checked on Go 4 Schools to see how your child is engaging, this information is located within each subject under 'Spring 1 – Remote learning engagement'. Your child should receive an updated score at least every two weeks. If you are having problems accessing GO 4 Schools to view how your child is getting on, please contact the Year Office and we will resolve the issue for you.

Assessment

On the website we have added a schedule for our marking and assessment during this period of lockdown. This information has been emailed directly to students, and further information can be found here:

<https://www.neale-wade.org/page/?title=Spring+term+assessments+%2D+2021&pid=347>

Tutor Day

Finally, in preparation for the eventual transition back into school, we are planning to hold a Tutor Day to assess how your child has progressed during this half-term and the year to date. It will also be an opportunity to see how they are getting on generally and reflect on what their next steps should be. The day will take place on **Friday 26 February** and we will provide further details of this soon after the half-term break.