

# Toynbee



29 January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope that you have had a good week. I think it is fair to say that every day brings new challenges, and it has been a particularly busy week. Thank you for your continued support, and for the many positive messages that we have received.

## **Year 7**

The year 7 pupils have continued to do well with their online learning. They have also been engaging in Tutor & Consultations with me. It has been lovely to see so many getting involved & catching up with their peers.

Next week I have planned interactive scavenger hunts in the GM sessions which everyone is welcome to join.

My Assembly this week was on Staying Safe online. This is a subject that I felt was worth focusing on given the amount of online time the pupils are having.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns in both online learning & pastoral support.

Kind Regards, Miss Murchie

## **Year 8**

Year 8 have been working on a project to design an "Ocean City" in response to the climate change emergency and rising seas. One of our pupils produced this incredible model at home, which is fabulous!



A big thank you to all of our Year 8 parents who attended the virtual parents evening on the 26th January. It was wonderful to have a chance to talk to you about your children's progress and their attitude to learning. Thank you to those of you who have reached out with messages of support, we appreciate it so much.

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The Year 8's continue to work very hard from home and with the addition of live lessons and virtual tutor sessions we are able to stay better connected and see many of their lovely faces! This week I recorded an assembly about staying safe online which at this time needs to be highlighted more than ever. If you have any concerns in this area, please do not hesitate to reach out.

I have spoken with many families over the phone during the last few weeks and will be continuing to contact you all over the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you need any support or have questions, please do not hesitate to email me or call the school.

I wish you all a happy, healthy and restful week ahead.

Best wishes, Mrs Ahern, Year 8 Guidance Manager

## **Year 9**

The year group have had another fantastic week with their remote learning and many seem to have a really good structure to their day. It has been lovely to hear that pupils are really making the most of engaging with their teachers by seeking support and asking questions. I know some pupils are finding it tough, and please remember they are not alone in feeling like that. Please do get in contact if you feel your child would benefit from some pastoral/emotional support or if they are struggling with the learning, I am here to support them and will arrange to give you a call.

Next week I will be doing Teams sessions with year 9 tutor groups to touch base with them altogether. I will be sending them details of that today via Show My Homework.

Best wishes, Mrs Kalogierias

## **Year 10**

As we reach the end of another week, I just wanted to say another big well done to all of Year 10! We have just 2 weeks until half term so keep up the good work. I have written so many reward postcards this week and still have more to do!

As you are already aware, live lessons start next week. These are going to be a great addition to the loom videos and work that is being set so I am sure students will make the most of these lessons too. If there are any issues with students accessing these please let me know as soon as possible, so we can help to resolve any problems.

It has been lovely to talk to so many families over the last few weeks and check in and see how Year 10 have been doing. Thank you to parents/carers for their feedback and support. If you have not had a call yet, I will be calling over the next week. However, if there is anything in the meantime, please email me or call the school.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Take care, Miss West

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## **Year 11**

Hello, I hope you are all well and keeping safe. I have nothing but praise, yet again, for Year 11. I am continuing to receive positive feedback from teachers, and this is just so fantastic to hear. The pupils are all working so hard and are a credit to the school.

With live lessons starting next week, this is both exciting and extremely beneficial for all of the pupils and will undoubtedly enhance remote learning for everyone. Please encourage your child to access the live lessons as much as possible.

I am continuing to send out my "Well Done" postcards. There have been so many to send, I have had to order a new batch!

It has been lovely to speak to so many parents and pupils throughout lockdown - if I haven't called you yet, please bear with me as I am working through the year group slowly but surely.

As always, please contact me via the school number: 02380 269026, or my email address: [m.vallance@toynbee.hants.sch.uk](mailto:m.vallance@toynbee.hants.sch.uk) with any questions or queries and I will be happy to support and help.

I hope you are all managing at home during these challenging times. Keep up the amazing work, Year 11.

Take care and kind regards, Mrs Vallance

## **Other News**

### **Local services**

The Parish of Chandler's Ford, with the support of Chandler's Ford Help and local supermarkets, will be providing free food boxes to ANYONE who may need help during half term. I have attached a leaflet for your information. I have also included a leaflet from Chandler's Ford Help which highlights the services they are offering. If either of these services are of use to you please do contact them.

### **Additions to our website**

The governors have approved our updated Sex & Relationships Education Policy. This will be updated on our website in due course.

A copy of our remote learning policy is now on the website for your reference. I hope that you have all received the recent letter from Mr Kerwood and his updated video which explains this important and developing aspect of pupil support.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend,  
Matthew