

19th June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to keep you updated on how we will be adapting our reporting and assessment routines this Summer term.

Inevitably, with the majority of our pupils still learning entirely remotely, we will be unable to set fair assessment tests or effectively monitor their progress this term. In normal circumstances, such assessments are used throughout the year to help us to report attainment and progress information along with a comment from their form tutor, to highlight achievement across subjects and within extra-curricular participation.

Over the next few weeks, we plan to take a number of steps to review and value the learning pupils have been working hard to complete at home.

1. Review Week

This will take place during the week of **Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July** (though a small number of subjects will use the following week to complete the process).

During this week, each department will ask pupils to undertake quizzes, tasks and to submit pieces of work to class teachers, so that their class teacher can be informed of how effectively pupils have been learning at home. This will also help to inform their new teachers in the Autumn term of how your child has managed to sustain their skills across the curriculum during school closure.

The nature of these 'review week' tasks will vary, depending on the subject. These tasks will be set within class-charts during the week, and pupils will simply be expected to complete these tasks to the best of their ability, within the suggested time limit. **Pupils will not be set any further 'class work' in class-charts within the review week.** If you or your child have any concerns or queries about the task set, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher. The review week is NOT an assessment week, and no formal progress grade will be measured by it.

2. Subject Teacher 'Special Summer Awards'

Each class teacher will be nominating pupils in their classes who have consistently made excellent effort, and/or produced exceptional pieces of work throughout the school closure. Pupils will be able to achieve many different awards across all of their subjects as well as for extra-curricular participation. These certificates will be sent in the post before the end of term, and achievers' names will be published within our Summer Term Newsletter in July. We'd really like to share the pupils receiving their certificates, so if parents could spare a moment to capture the moment, please email a photo to danielh@uffculmeschool.net or to your child's tutor.

3. Parents Evenings – Autumn Term

We will be amending our usual Parents Evening Calendar for 2020-21, to ensure that Year 8 and Year 9 parents have an opportunity to see subject staff to discuss these reports and your child's progress, earlier in the year, following the cancellation of our Year 7 and Year 8 Parents evenings last term. More details will follow as the regulations allow.

Throughout the school closure, we have constantly reviewed all of our teaching, learning and assessment approaches based on guidelines from the Department for Education. We always try to do the very best for our pupils, even under challenging circumstances. We hope you understand that much of what we are currently doing may be subject to change and as always, we will inform you if this is the case.

If you would like further information on anything detailed in this letter please contact your child's tutor, or email poortman@uffculmeschool.net.

Yours faithfully,



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