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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your families are well. We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say a big thank you for the work you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

I would like to update you on some changes to the online student work for the rest of this term. Students should continue to access their work through the website as normal through the 'lessons' folder. Work for KS3 will now be set in two week blocks for all subjects. Students will be presented with a menu of engaging and varied tasks to complete over the two week period. The work will be more open ended, allow students to access more multi-media resources and incorporate research style tasks. Over the course of the two weeks students will have a feedback task to submit to their teachers for each subject, how and when to complete these feedback tasks will be made clear on the learning plans. Teachers will review the submitted work and students will receive written feedback on it.

The first two week block of work will be uploaded for the week commencing the **15**th **June** and the second two week block will be uploaded on the **29**th **June**. A similar style of work will be set for the last week of term and I will update about this in the forthcoming weeks.

We have been made aware of a few issues here and there, but in the main, I think we have managed to resolve them. However, if you encounter specific issues related to the online work please do contact the school via email at school@strobertofnewminster.co.uk and we will try to work with you on a solution. Students can email subject teachers through the subject help emails. These are displayed on the remote learning plans and a full list can be found where students access the online work. Please continue to prompt the students to access these emails if they have any questions about their work.

Please continue to encourage your child to access the work regularly and complete the tasks set by their teachers. This will enable them to receive feedback on certain tasks set throughout the rest of this term. If students continue to do their best, then we can't ask for more than that. Please continue to build in some down time away from their screens and encourage opportunities for daily reading, exercise, relaxation, fresh air and connecting with family and friends.

Many thanks for the support with the online work so far and I wish you and your families well.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Clark Assistant Head Teacher

















