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Dear parents and carers

This week's Home Bulletin may not be as action-packed as usual, but that does not mean that we haven't been busy. On the contrary, I have never experienced a busier week than this in the 28 years I have been teaching. We have been inundated with risk assessments and mountains of guidance as we ensure that our COVID-19 plans are safe and as we prepare furiously for the return of Year 12 and some Year 10 students next week. We are genuinely excited though at the prospect of welcoming students back into school.

And I have been delighted to witness a slowly increasing number of students returning to school whose parents or carers are key workers. They have been a breath of fresh air!

Meanwhile, staff have been working hard every day to ensure that students have access to high quality online learning. As you will read below, they are also preparing more and more 'live' or virtual lessons. One Year 10 science lesson this week, for example, attracted nearly 100 students!

Staff are also completing a great deal of online training as we move to a new management information system. And of course we are all coming rapidly up to speed with the new and restrictive arrangements that schools need to have in place to keep us all safe from the spread of COVID-19.

Sixth Form

As you can see from the photographs, the building has taken shape impressively. The roof is now on and the next job will be to make it watertight. Work to install the new car park is also nearing completion with the installation of electric charging points to follow.



Home learning

As part of our learning offer during lockdown, teachers have been working hard to trial new and effective methods of teaching online. We are pleased to announce that all subjects will be offering a live 'drop-in' Zoom session for students with questions about their learning. This will be manned by two subject staff who will explain concepts, queries and ideas that arise from the learning being set on a weekly basis. Teachers have also been recording lessons which offer a wide range of interactive opportunities and a more personable experience with guided voiceovers of the more difficult concepts. Some exciting historical scenes have been acted out by the History department. There has been guided poetry from English and some excellent lessons by Mr Fowler in Geography.

We are looking to increase the regularity of these recorded lessons over the remainder of this half term. Teachers take great pleasure in evaluating how they teach and in innovating teaching methods to give your child the best opportunity to learn.

Stay tuned for the latest releases of our recorded lessons on *Show My Homework!*

Praise Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded certificates in recognition of their high quality commitment, engagement and completion of remote learning:

Poppy Barnes-Hollebone (7SD); Monty Sherman (7RTR); TJ Flight (8WCM), Jonathon Scott (8GE); Tabitha Lecomber (9KC); Alfie Rawson (9DT); Callum Cracknell (10ED); Skye Harper (10ED) and Kristian Mitchell (10ST)

School Transport

With more children expected on Suffolk school transport from next week please find attached a set of [frequently asked questions](#) to help parents and carers understand what it will be like on the transport and what is and what is not expected of students to remain safe. This document has been updated with the most recent guidance which continues to be updated itself. For the most recent information, please refer to [the Suffolk on Board website](#).

Have a wonderful weekend.

My best wishes to you - stay safe and well; a message wonderfully portrayed by Liam Waters (8SZ) this week!

Yours sincerely



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