

It has been a term that has certainly been a bit different from usual and as we work our through the final full week, I am delighted to still be seeing high levels of engagement across the school from our S3 students.

Over the past week, I have observed students showcase their learning about the nitrogen cycle in Science whilst also seeing students participate in high quality discussions about World War I in History. Engagement is one of our core values and despite the challenges presented during these times, it is fantastic to see our young people continue to live this value.

I have also had the pleasure of presenting a group of our S3 students with their Wider Achievement certificates for achieving their bronze iDEA awards. This is a fantastic achievement and should you wish to learn more about this award, visit the following link <https://idea.org.uk/about>

Mr Black will provide an update to parents about our end of term arrangements shortly but please see the information below to ensure that your child's attendance is not affected should you wish for them to work from home over the final few days.

### **Google Classrooms – working from home**

If your child has been told to self-isolate and has received a letter from Public Health via the school, work for pupils will be posted on Google Classroom by the class teacher. This work will be similar to the topics pupils are currently studying in class and will ensure pupils do not fall behind in their studies compared to others in the class when they return to school. Teachers will also be available during the time the young person would normally be in the class to ask questions through Google Classrooms.

If your child is not attending school and staying at home to isolate based on a family decision, please inform the school and we will ensure we code their attendance in such a way which doesn't negatively impact on their overall attendance percentage. However, as class teachers will still have most pupils to teach in their class, they will not necessarily be available during that time to answer questions on Google Classroom and the work posted will could be more general.

In order to allow us to maintain accurate attendance records, we would be grateful if all families could complete the very short survey below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQQtawUZKRdUi8cdx35EhUC4xlc-24ZUQ0U3RDM2ODI5VE0xWVA2MVJPVVJFQThTSC4u>

As always, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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