

Thursday 7th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you, to welcome your son/daughter to term 3 following their Christmas holidays and time spent self-isolating at home. For year 9 this has been a particularly challenging time given the amount of time that they have been off school over the last two terms. Firstly I must commend year 9 on the resilience and motivation that they have shown throughout this challenging time in particular, attending their online learning via zoom which I know has been a new learning curve for all.

Following the recent announcement remote learning for year 9 will commence from Monday 11th January. The option lessons (Performing Arts, Drama, Engineering, Food, Music and Art) that students chose last year now change over for terms 3 and 4, to the final 3 subjects. This means that the subjects on a Monday Lesson 3, Tuesday Lesson 5 and Wednesday Lesson 2 will now change to the three subjects they haven't yet studied this year. This will take effect from Monday 11th January and all students should make sure they follow their SIMS timetable from the above date. Students' updated timetable will be available to access via the SIMS app from Monday 11th January.

Please can I reiterate the importance that all students attend their mentor time zoom calls and all of their timetabled lessons, it is imperative that students don't miss out on further lesson time. If there are any problems with access to SIMS please contact Mrs Land (<u>Niamh.Land@aylesford.kent.sch.uk</u>) or Mr Cooper (<u>paul.cooper@aylesford.kent.sch.uk</u>) and we will endeavour to rectify these problems as swiftly as possible.

Thank you for all the support that has been shown during this extremely challenging time and I look forward to welcoming all of year 9 back to their online learning from the Monday 11th January.

Yours sincerely,

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