

4th February 2021

Dear Parents

Off-screen Learning Week (Monday 08.02 - Friday 12.02)

As we approach the end of a full half term of online learning, we have reflected on the superb efforts of all of our pupils to engage and make the most of their lessons. However, we have also listened to feedback and understand that screen time for 6 hours a day, for 5 days each week is proving to be significantly demanding and we are acutely aware of the absence of opportunities for those at home to get out for fresh air, to socialise and to do other activities that would otherwise complement their learning experiences. We understand that consolidation and prep is also having to be done online and, as such, time in front of screens, even when managed well, for many of our pupils is significant.

We have therefore decided to change the format of learning for the last week of this half term for all Senior School pupils and will instead be running a programme that reduces the amount of time spent on screen in lessons.

As a result, from Monday 8th February until Friday 12th February the timetable and format of lessons will change for all year groups.

Instead of lessons, pupils will be set extended tasks and provided with opportunities during the course of the day to attend “drop in” sessions, revision slots, workshops, study skills seminars and extended form times and year assemblies. Each year group will have their own tailor made programme, overseen by their Head of Year and will shortly be asked to join a Google Classroom where the timetable and tasks for the week will be posted. There may well be adjustments to tutor check in schedules and pupils should be aware that subject sessions may well be supervised by somebody other than their usual teacher.

The purpose of this week is to give those in older year groups a chance to consolidate their learning, undertake extended revision, catch up and complete coursework and have the opportunity to speak to teachers one to one. For younger pupils (Year 7 - 9) this week will give them an opportunity to extend the depth of their learning, build their research skills and provide them with a chance to be more creative and reflective than they have perhaps had the chance to be over the last few weeks.

Please note that the expectations of this week are the same as any other and there will be time limited tasks for pupils to complete to the best of their ability.

Those pupils who are currently boarding will continue to benefit from the support and guidance of on site staff and all activities outside of lessons will run as normal.

Those pupils who attend on site provision should continue to come into school as normal.

If you have any questions about any aspect of this week please do not hesitate to contact me (d.porovic@rossall.org.uk) or your child's Head of Year.

All best wishes,



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