

Dear Parents,

The first week of virtual learning is at an end and it is a good time to take stock. Well over one hundred Teams lessons have been delivered and I am very proud of the staff, who have managed to adapt so quickly. I would also like to thank parents for your support as I know from experience how hard it is to try and help your children and work remotely at the same time. I just wanted to pass on some information regarding teaching next week:

- Teachers will be setting up KS3 classes on Teams next week. This will allow teachers to help students in real-time whether by video/audio or the chat function.
- Firefly seems stable now and work will continue to be set via this platform. I would also point students toward the 'Working at Home' tile on the Firefly homepage which has lots of ideas for students to keep them healthy and entertained.
- Mrs Buckland will be communicating some updated safeguarding guidance for virtual learning to ensure students can get the most of their learning and remain safe online.
- Your continued support with ensuring students are in their virtual lessons is greatly appreciated as teachers can focus on quality teaching and have fewer students to catch up with who may have missed the lesson.

I would just like to finish by paying tribute to all of our BAS students. It is a testament to their good character that the vast majority remain engaged in their learning and are participating in true Battle Abbey style.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr C. Austen-White