

Dear parents/carers

Re: Online learning update

Work hard. Be kind.

I am writing to provide you with an update on online learning. We are really pleased with how our students are working, we have over 97% engagement in online work which is an impressive statistic. It was lovely to see our students interacting with each other and their tutors in the recently added Monday tutorial slot and I would encourage all students to join this session on a weekly basis as this is when tutors give out key updates.

As the term continues and we receive feedback from students and parents, we are seeking to improve our systems to continue to support and challenge our students. We have had feedback that parents would like more information on how well their child is working and we have therefore made some minor changes to our procedures.

Below is a brief summary of the changes, which will take place from Monday 1 February.

- We have introduced a system of merits to award students for submitting work on time. This means that students can achieve up to 10 merits a day for completing their work and registers. You can see how many merits your child is being awarded on ClassCharts.
- Students will have a minimum of two assignments per lesson in the Google Classroom. They must submit these assignments to be awarded merits. The assignments will be clearly labelled in their classwork and many will take the form of quizzes so they are not onerous. There is no difference to the amount of work students are being asked to produce, but they must submit the work on the same day using the 'turn in' button in the classroom.
- If a teacher is unhappy with the quality of work a student is submitting, they will log this on ClassCharts as 'Poor quality work' within the same week it is submitted. You can therefore track this to support your child and encourage them to seek help if needed.
- Tutors will continue to contact home with any concerns and to offer support should it be needed.
- If you are unable to access your child's ClassCharts account, please email homelearning@stjamesexeter.co.uk and someone will get back to you with the details to do this.

If your child is unwell or has a medical appointment, please continue to inform the school. Please email details of your child's absence to attendance@stjamesexeter.co.uk. Your child can continue to email teachers directly if they want subject specific detail about the lessons and the work that they have missed. If you feel that ClassCharts is inaccurate due to an absence then please let us know and we will be happy to update the record.



Thank you for your support during these challenging times. If you have any feedback on our home learning procedures, please email homelearning@stjamesexeter.co.uk. If you have any specific concerns regarding your child, please contact his/ her tutor in the first instance.

Kind regards,



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