

Learning and Teaching Guidance for Years 8, 9 and 10

This is general guidance for how Years 8, 9 and 10 should be approaching studying at home.

First of all, well done to all of you who have engaged with the on-line learning and teaching, and made a good start this week. I enjoyed seeing the pictures of some of you working from home.

This is very new for pupils and teachers (and me!), but I think the school community has made a very good beginning.

If you are having any technical problems, please email info@colerainegramar.com; a few pupils have so far, and we've been able to address the issues.

Remember that it looks like learning at home is going to last for quite a while, so try to pace yourself during the day, and through the week.

It is important to do work well, rather than get it done quickly – just as your teachers say in school. It is important that we keep our good start to on-line learning going.

Remember also to consolidate your work as you go along, in the same way as you would for tests and exams. Write out some questions and test yourself, or draw a mind-map.

There are also new opportunities to watch You Tube videos related to your school work. If your teachers recommend something, then please view it or visit a recommended website.

And, as always, ask questions of your teachers if you don't understand the work, or if you are at all unclear what work you are meant to be doing.

Part of every school year is about preparation for next year. This is especially true for Year 10 who will begin GCSE courses in September, but it is also true for Years 8 and 9.

It is **really important that the knowledge and skills you have acquired this year are learned and embedded**. It is also vital for the continued development of your **brain** and its '**learning power**' that you **keep working**.

So, as well as keeping washing your hands, **keep working!** And remember that your teachers are available to support you with learning and pastorally, in the same way that we are when we are all at school.

Take care.

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