



Friday, July 10, 2020

Dear Parent / Carer of Year 10 pupils

Assalaamu alaikum / Peace be with you,

Ref: Holiday Homework and clearing Lockers

During these difficult and challenging times, I hope that you and your family are safe and well. I wish to thank you all for your continued support with our digital home learning plan. Our pupils and staff resilience during this time has shone through, we know that we have all done everything possible to keep ourselves well and motivated to learn and work during these challenging times. We have been pleased by some of the high-quality independent learning we have seen from our Year 10 pupils and it has been a pleasure to see the majority of our pupils over the last few weeks in face to face meetings.

All of us at Eden Girls School, would like to thank you for your continued support, whether this be in encouraging your daughter to complete work, attend face to face meetings and participate in enrichment activities, competitions or in communicating with and supporting the school.

We know that you and your daughter are ready for the learning workload to reduce and we outline below some guidance for holiday learning that is designed to support retention of key GCSE knowledge as we prepare for a return to school in September.

Holiday Homework

As a school we strive for academic excellence. We know that this summer break is likely to be a lot different than normal with more time spent at home. We have made the decision to set a small amount of work across all subjects to be completed throughout the summer break, at a time that is convenient for you and your daughter. This is designed to keep learning of key GCSE knowledge retained as we transition to a school return in September. This work will feel different to the remote learning completed during term time and is designed to support your daughter's transition into Year 11 and the final academic year of GCSE studies.

Departments have produced summer work packs that will be **available for collection on Monday 13th or Tuesday 14th July**, between 1pm and 3pm. Simply, come to reception to collect the work pack, during these two days. Pupils attending the school site will have collected holiday homework and will not need to come in to collect the holiday homework.



We know that it is important to get the balance of holiday homework right and have worked hard to ensure that departments set enough to support your daughters progress, whilst not overwhelming her with a lot of work. As a result, your daughter has between 5-10 hours work per subject that is broken down, making it into a manageable workload.

As we move into an integral year for GCSE study, it is vitally important that your daughter engages well with the work being set, which has been designed with the intention of supporting her academic progress during this challenging time. Thank you for your support.

Locker Maintenance & Cleaning – collection of items

The schools Locker Company is due to carry out its annual Locker Maintenance and Cleaning. To facilitate this, lockers will be emptied in readiness and we ask that you arrange for your daughter's locker to be emptied. **We will be set up and ready for you to attend on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 July between the hours of 1pm and 3pm.**

It would be best for your daughter to come with you to clear her locker, however, if she is unable to, please make sure she **tells you the locker code and the location**. We will ensure that someone from the estates team is available to empty the locker for you. Any uncollected items from the lockers will be held by the school until the 1st September, after this period they will be disposed of. It makes sense for your daughter to empty her locker and collect her home learning pack on the same day.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that the new academic year is now open to make your payment to rent a locker for the new school year, the payment goes to Prefect Lockers who will communicate with you directly.

We know that you have questions about uniform and wish to buy uniform in preparation for next year. Further information and guidance will be sent out before the end of this academic year.

During the summer holidays it is important that your daughter and the staff of Eden Girls School take a break from online learning and focus on wellbeing. However, some pupils will still need a **small amount of online** support, so we will be **opening the Microsoft Teams Help Desk space on the following occasions throughout the summer break.**

- Monday 27th – Tuesday 28th July – 10am -3pm
- Monday 10th – Tuesday 11th August – 10am -3pm
- Monday 24th – Friday 28th August - 10am – 3pm

On other occasions teachers will not be available to support or respond to any issues your daughter may have.

Please do look out for our end of year letter from our Principal, Sajid Khaliq. I wish you and your daughter a lovely summer break and looking forward to seeing her in September.

Kind Regards,





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