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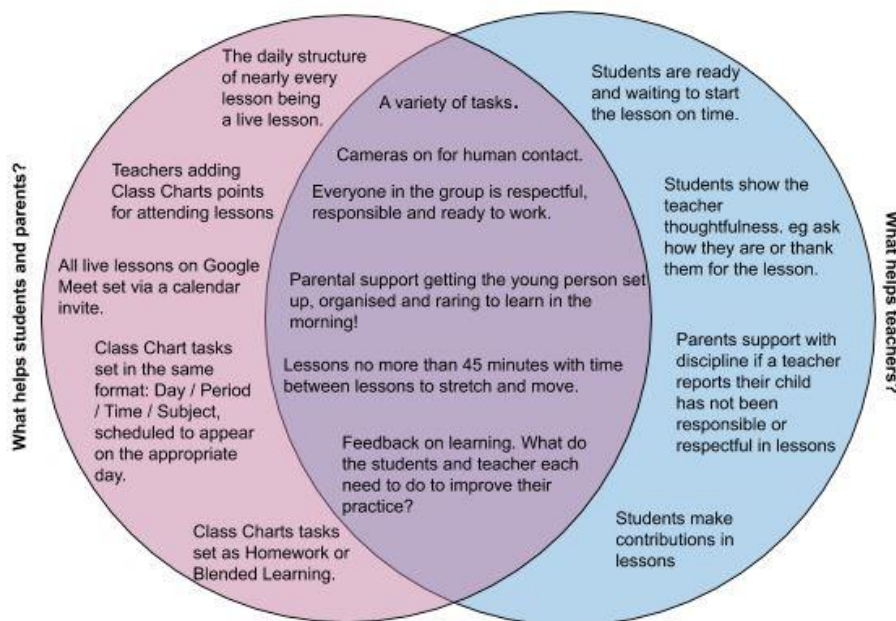
Dear Families

A short teaching and learning mailer from me this week to **thank you** all for the excellent work you have done as students and parents with remote learning so far this term.

I appreciate that last week brought many challenges as you got set up with the right device, passwords and systems. I know there were tears and some frustration as your technological learning curve went through the roof. "Fail, Learn, Win" is the new recruitment slogan for the British Army, and I am sure that every single student, parent and teacher has experienced a bit of this in the last 7 days as we adapt to a new way of learning, supporting and teaching.

Students have shown great politeness and patience with their teachers as they hone their remote presentation skills. Our Tewkesbury School teachers have been supporting each other with remote teaching hacks throughout the week and we hope that our students (and any parents listening in) will notice that live lessons are getting slicker.

Parents have been great at getting their children organised and ready to work each day and have contacted the school with suggestions about how we can make things clearer and easier for students. We are grateful for the input and consider every suggestion - we don't have a monopoly on remote learning wisdom!



Technical Support

We have already loaned over 50 Chromebooks to students without devices and have a few more to loan out this week. Please let us know if you are in desperate need and we will endeavour to support. It is really important that we try and get the devices to those with greatest need, so please understand that our limited resources mean we might have to prioritise some students over others.

Mr Naylor has already run some tech support sessions for Y7 parents and Y11 parents and we will be offering more opportunities for parents to seek support over the coming week. Keep an eye out for an email about when this will be.

Attendance and behaviour

Next week we will be ramping up our contact home if students miss a live lesson. We expect every student to attend every lesson in the same way they do at school. Please would parents keep checking their child's Class Charts behaviour logs so you can add your own appropriate encouragement as needed!

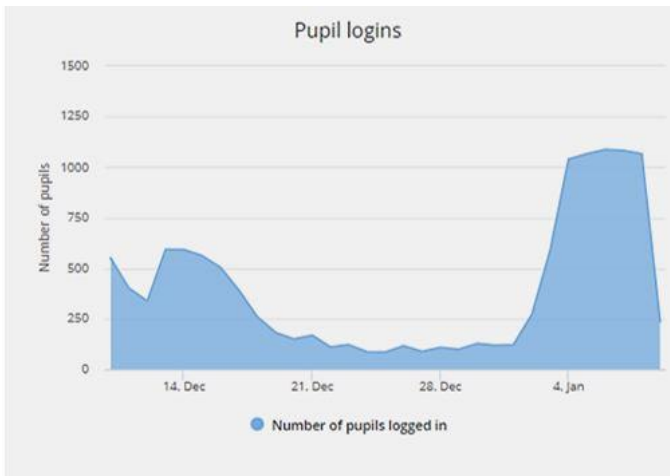
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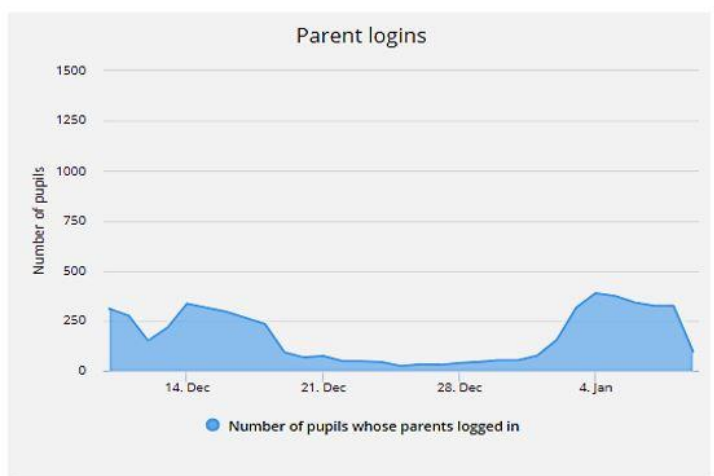
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Please share with me or your child's Head of Year any barriers to attendance and let the [attendance office](#) know if a child will be missing a lesson for any reason.

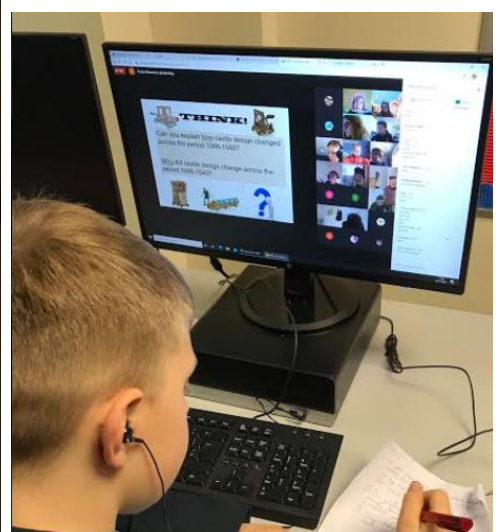
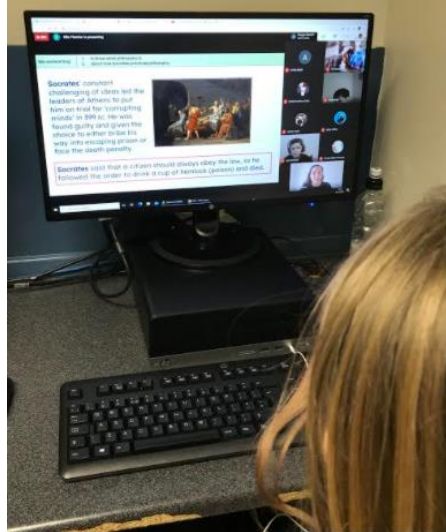
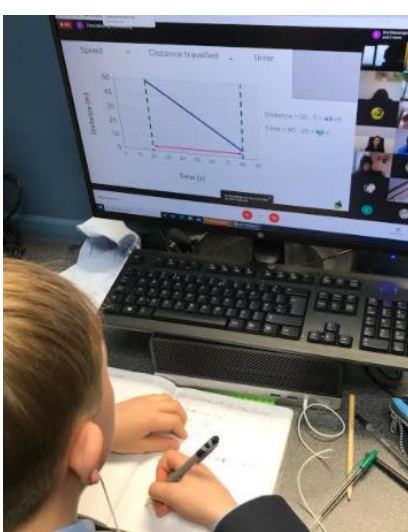


1180 (89.5%) pupils logged in over the last 7 days
1208 (91.7%) pupils logged in over the last 30 days



586 (44.5%) pupils have parents who logged in over the last 7 days
655 (49.7%) pupils have parents who logged in over the last 30 days

Our mini school students were beautifully focused on lessons from Ms Manning, Miss Fletcher and Mrs Stewart.



Positive Feedback

Last week I compiled and shared with colleagues a document of some of the lovely feedback we received from parents. Your kind words moved some teachers to tears. They said it was wonderful to feel so appreciated and I know that your feedback will really spur them on.

Let's maintain the great Tewkesbury School Community Spirit and keep sharing our tips and suggestions as we move forward with our remote teaching and learning. We are in this together and I don't want any student or parent to feel overwhelmed.

I wish all of you a safe and positive week's home learning. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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