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Dear Parent/Carer

For those of you with children currently in Year 8 and 9 you may be familiar with the *KS3 Learning Through Enrichment Program* which ran throughout the Spring Term in 2021. If your son or daughter is in Year 7 or you are new to the UVHS community, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to this initiative which has the learning of your child, their personal development and well-being at its heart.

With continued remote learning last year, we were all too aware of how screen time to complete homework was having a negative impact on our students; and we appreciate that coming back into that routine has been a difficult re-adjustment for some. To address this last year and to allow students "Breathing space" to bring some balance to their learning this summer, we are re-introducing the KS3 Learning Through Enrichment Program for 6 weeks after Easter. This is our way of allowing students to take control over what they would like to learn, how and encourage them to use free time as an opportunity to be creative, try new things, build relationships, and make memories.

For six weeks students in KS3 will:

- ✓ Access a weekly bank of resources and activities personally suggested by staff in school for students to try at home
- ✓ There will be approximately 12 different activities every week for students to select from covering: Arts, wellbeing, improving physical activity, new learning opportunities, food/cooking, crafts and creative tasks
- ✓ Students can also choose to complete academic enrichment activities in their own chosen focused subject areas if they wish to opt for more traditional homework tasks
- ✓ We are delighted to also be able to offer 6 weeks of National competitions for students to enter as well from photography to poetry, as well as joining in with supporting the Coast Roads Festival near Aldingham in July by showcasing their artwork, animations and mini movies
- ✓ These are all designed to encourage little to no screen time, be easily accessible with the resources you may have available at home, spark conversations and ultimately get students trying new things and take ownership of their learning by replacing formal homework in its current format up until the May half term

How will the enrichment activities be accessed?

- ✓ These resources will be available on the school website and on a special Teams channel for your son/daughter which their year group will all be present in
- ✓ Full instructions will be given to students during form time in the coming week
- ✓ Students are encouraged to take part in the polls on the Teams page and Form Tutors will be using registration time to promote the weekly activities



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How will we monitor the program?

- ✓ Students will need to upload a photo or Enrichment Diary Log of what activity/ies they completed that week onto their Teams page assignment. For example, this could range from a photo of something they have made, a screen shot of a series of runs on Strava/Fitbit if they were completing the Couch To 5k to a written article for one of the humanities projects
- ✓ Form tutors will then host a weekly Friday round up in PM registration of what their form took part in for the tutor group to enjoy and discuss
- ✓ We expect all students in KS3 to take part in the program. Like with normal homework, if for whatever reason they cannot complete at least one of the many activities suggested that week, then they should speak to their Form Tutor in the first instance or contact myself at ffo@uvhs.uk so we can support them in completing a task.

We hope that this will not only lessen the burden on our students for 6 weeks, but hopefully they will: Learn a new skill, increase their self-motivation and responsibility, improve their personal development and understanding of things which can be learnt outside of the school environment and be proud of furthering their education holistically.

If you have any further queries regarding the KS3 Learning Through Enrichment Program, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mrs F Ford

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