

Stour Valley Community School

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome back some Year 10 students this week and to be able to walk the corridors during the school day and see lessons taking place. Some of our Year 10 students looked a little shell-shocked, but were, on the whole, pleased to be back in school. Just below 80% of our Year 10 have opted to come in for some face-to-face teaching as well as continuing to use Teams as the main teaching and learning platform.

Our Microsoft Teams 'virtual school' is now buzzing with activity. The majority of students in all year groups are now logging in every day to complete tasks set and interact with their teachers and other classmates. Miss Spearpoint is also posting tutor time activities in the Year Group channels to pick up on key themes and issues that are current and relevant to our students' personal, social and health education (PSHE). Last week's tutor time activities were an overview of what is happening with the Black Lives Matter movement and this week has been Refugee Week; Miss Spearpoint has used some British Red Cross resources to get students thinking about empathy and trying to understand some of the issues around refugees and asylum seekers. Miss Howard will also be posting things in a Mental Health and Wellbeing channel linked to the Year Group pages.

We have received some really positive feedback from students and parents about how well Teams is working – thank you. A reminder to anyone experiencing problems with the technology to email itsupport@stourvalley.org

I hope this email finds you all safe and well

With kind regards

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