



'We value the power of education to change lives.'

15th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all once again for the support and encouragement we have received to date. We continue to be immensely impressed with our students: the resilience they have shown in adapting to this new way of working and their dedication to continuing their learning. Your support as parents and carers is greatly appreciated. We are also, of course, incredibly proud of what our staff have been able to do to maintain teaching and learning remotely.

You will be aware that after Easter we sent a survey to students in years 7-10 and 12 regarding their home learning experiences. The results of this survey are being used to further develop our practice to maximise the learning potential for your son/daughter and all our students.

One of the biggest barriers to learning that students identified in the survey was keeping up their motivation to work regularly and consistently and we would welcome your support in addressing this key issue.

We know that you, as parents and carers, have made use of some excellent strategies in lifting your son/daughter's mood and maintaining their motivation for learning in these difficult times. As such, we would like to collect some of the strategies you have found most successful in motivating your son/daughter, so that they can be shared with all parents and other students might benefit from them. Within school we have set up a mechanism for staff to share best practice in learning. This has been very well received and hugely beneficial to sharing what works in different areas across the whole school. Our aim now, is to recreate this mechanism for parents, to enable other households to benefit from the success you are having at home.

If you have found a strategy or strategies that have proved to be particularly successful at motivating your son/daughter, please could you outline it by following the link below, and explain how it worked and how it helped:

<https://highcliffe.school/l/MotivStrat20>

Thank you once again for your support,

Yours faithfully,

Mr Earnshaw
Headteacher