



12 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of the first half term of 2021, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you all on the progress we have made throughout this challenging period and to thank you for the fantastic support you have shown to the school community. Our priority has been to ensure that the education of our students has continued, with our staff delivering "live" on-line lessons to all of our students. Whilst we appreciate that there is no substitution for our students being in school, I'm sure you will agree, student engagement in these lessons remains paramount. I have been so impressed with the quality of work they have produced, examples of which you will see below. We continue to be so proud of them all, they truly exemplify our school mission of high aspirations, excellence and high achievement.

We have also been pleased to be able support our school community by supplying close to 200 laptops and remote access to the internet. I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to members of our community who have assisted with this very worthy cause. We have received donations from community groups and individuals across the area. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking them for their generosity. Should any student still require any assistance with technology please contact school and we will be happy to help.

For those students due to complete GCSE and A Level exams this summer, the government consultation on the revised process has now closed. We are expecting the outcome of this to be announced by the end of this month. As Mrs Brett made clear in the recent assemblies, it is therefore imperative that students continue to work hard and participate in their learning throughout this period, as work completed by students will be used to assist with the formulation of their results.

Whilst we are still unsure when schools will re-open, we are confident that the plans will be announced within the next couple of weeks. We will of course share these with you as soon as we know more. Please be assured, we remain committed to ensure this happens quickly and safely as soon as we are able.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers. We understand the last 6 weeks have not been easy but the support and kind words you have shared with us have helped tremendously. We remain committed to the well-being and achievement of all of our students.

Should you need any further information please don't hesitate to contact the school,

Best wishes
Mr J Smith

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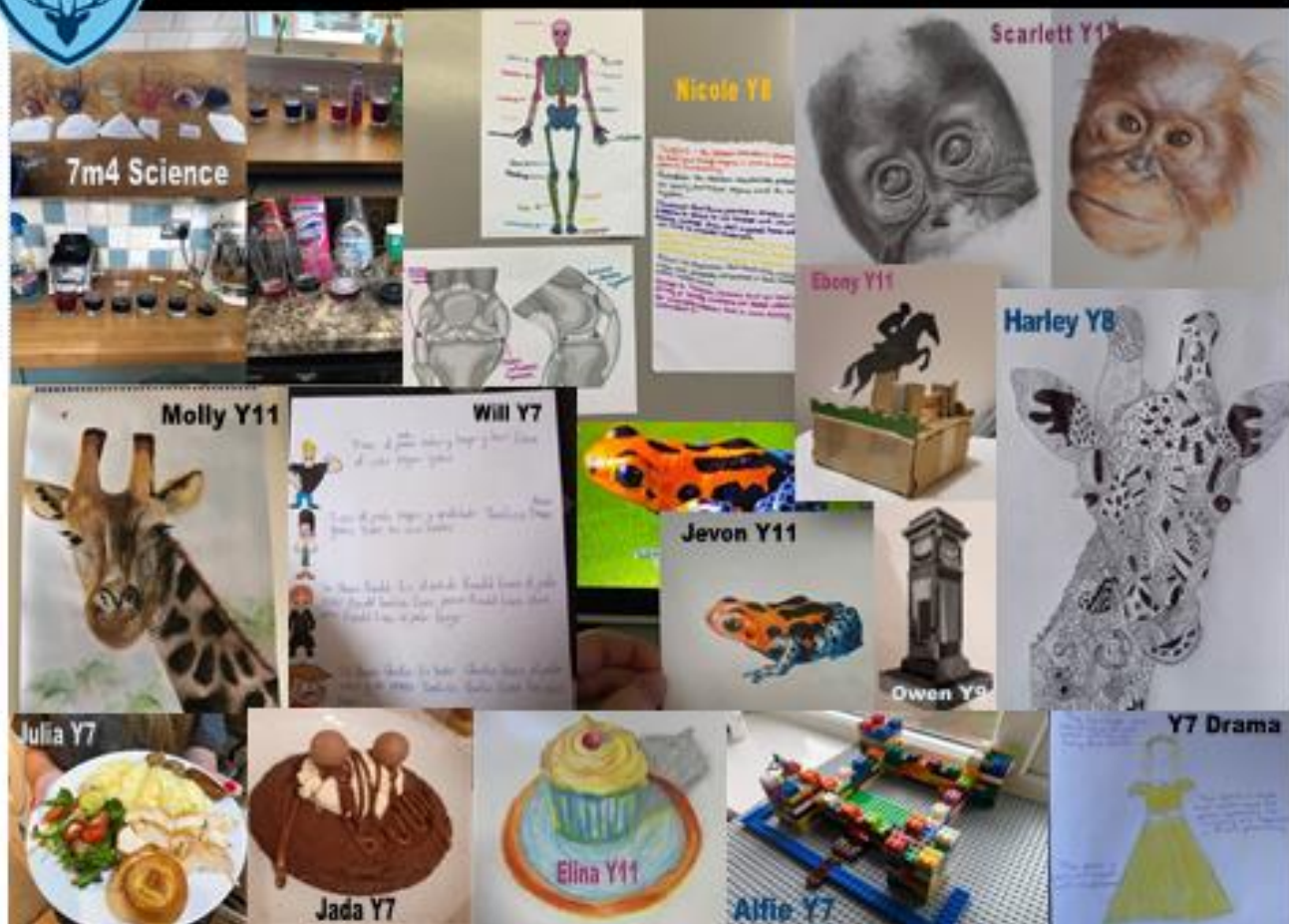
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Well Done!

Our students have been amazing during lock down and they have worked so hard! We wanted to celebrate some of their wonderful work.



We have received so many messages of support from Parents/Carers , helping their children to learn remotely. These messages are precious and really mean a lot to us.

& Thanks!

Homeschooling isn't always easy, especially when Harry asks for help with his indirect proportion angles and I haven't got a clue what he's talking about, but receiving this text from @MedenSchool really made my day. We're all in this together, school pupils and parents

Today 15:56

Thanks for the extra support you're giving Harry to help with online learning. We appreciate this isn't easy but you are doing an amazing job!

Y10 Parent

Thank you! I don't think it's easy for all involved but I am so impressed with how everyone is managing and thoroughly impressed with the classes delivered online, a huge credit to all the teachers and support staff. Y7 Parent

Thanks for all the mentions the kids get at the end of the week for all their hard work this is what keeps our kids going! Y9 Parent

Thank you once again for your help and support today. I think the Meden staff are doing a great job keeping everything running and working around Covid. I used to think teacher's got too much holiday, but I honestly can't wait for this week off - you need more Holidays! I hope you all enjoy a well-earned break next week. Y7 Parent

Thank you! I must say the way Meden has put things together for the kids is very impressive, it has done my child the world of good having that structure with live lessons and she's really enjoyed doing it. Honestly can't fault the school one bit you're all amazing! Y9 Parent

Thank you for everything you are doing for my children during lockdown. Both of them have found learning from home so much easier through live lessons. I cannot praise the remote provision enough! Y8/Y10 Parent.