



Dear Parents and Carers of Stage 3

Firstly we would like to extend our thanks to you for supporting and encouraging your child/children last week. We were really pleased with the number of students submitting work and engaging in Google Classroom. It is a challenging time for all and we recognise and greatly appreciate your support during this round of remote learning. Thank you.

This week, in addition to the work on Google Classroom, teachers will be holding class meetings via the Zoom platform. I trialled a class meeting with 5-6P on Friday and it was certainly the highlight of my week. It was wonderful to be able to engage with my students, they could engage with each other, play a maths game and chat about our week. (Yes, the mute button may have had to be used at different points once the chatting hit full swing!)

This week all the Stage 3 teachers will be holding class meetings. Attached to this message is a set of protocols for the meeting and an info sheet about joining. If your child has used the Zoom platform with their friends, they may find joining to be a little different this time, particularly if they are on an iPad. It would be appreciated if you could go through both documents with your child. If your child is attending the meeting, it is important to remember that when they are in Zoom, and they select to unmute, all noise will travel through to the meeting, also, once their camera is on, we will be able to see into your home. So being sure they are set up in a suitable spot for your family, and letting everyone know at home when they are about to enter the meeting is important. We do encourage our students to have their camera on as it is great for them to see each other's faces and helps with interaction during the meeting.

The meetings are not compulsory but I would encourage children to attend at least one of the meetings.

Classroom teachers will post class specific information about Zoom meetings on your child's Google Classroom stream.

Kind regards

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