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Dear Parent/Carer,

Yesterday the Education Minister, Kirsty Williams, announced that as from Monday 14th December, the education for all secondary school pupils will move on-line for the whole of the last week of term. As a school we will be defaulting to blended learning, with pupils accessing lessons through Show My Homework.

We have made sure that every child has left school today being able to access their log-in details. Lessons will be delivered as per their normal timetable and pupils will be expected to log-in, undertake the required work, and, in many instances, submit their completed tasks to their teacher via the app. An outline of the provision, as well as instructions for how students register for their lessons, can be accessed via the following link: <https://denbighhighschool.co.uk/information/teaching-and-learning/distance-learning/>

I must emphasise that next week is not to be viewed by pupils as 'extra holiday time' and I would request that you support us in ensuring that your child engages with the remote learning. As with our normal daily truancy calls, we will be notifying parents of non-engagement of pupils, with the expectation that you will support us to ensure we follow WG guidance of a continuance of educational provision. The attached letter from Mr. Geraint Davies, Interim Head of Education for Denbighshire, reinforces this message of the need for engagement.

For those pupils in receipt of Free School Meals, County has organised a direct payment to cover the next three weeks. Payment will be made to bank accounts on 21st December to cover the week of blended learning and the two weeks of holiday.

Unless otherwise directed, all pupils will be expected to return to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**. Monday 4th January, will be a staff training day.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and co-operation throughout this past term. It has been a challenging time for all, and I do really appreciate your loyalty and support as we have attempted to keep the school open for education. Your willingness to work with us to ensure we operate in a safe manner for the benefit of all is much appreciated.

On behalf of all the staff at Denbigh High, I wish you a Happy Christmas and a restful holiday period.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. R. P. Evans
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