



HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Autumn Progress Review

Your child's Autumn Progress Review has now been uploaded to the My Child at School app. Reflecting on the last half term I have been impressed with our student's determination, work ethic and attitude to learning. There are so many positives, and it is hugely encouraging to see the progress being made. I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for your support and encouragement in helping us to keep your child engaged with their learning.

A reminder that these reviews can form the basis of some very useful conversations about your child's learning. They may also allow you to identify areas in which students feel they can make any improvements necessary to be even more successful.

The Progress Review can be used to monitor, encourage, support, and guide your child. We hope it will help you to:

- Identify where your child is working hard and applying themselves well.
- Identify subject areas in which your child is making less progress and should be seeking advice and support.
- Start conversations about effort, progress, and their approach towards revision.

I hope that you find 'Bromcom' useful in helping you support your child with their homework and independent study. If you are having any problems logging on, please contact digitalsupport@hswv.co.uk.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Year Team if this review raises any concerns. It is essential that we all continue to work together to help our students enjoy school and to ensure that they make the progress they are capable of.

Citizenship Mock Exam

On **Wednesday 24th January**, Year 9 students will sit their Citizenship Mock Exam in venue. This will be their first experience of completing an exam in venue. To support students with their revision they have completed a 4R's workshop in school, introducing them to revision techniques and strategies. Please support your child with their revision and preparation for their examination.

Moving Forward and Career Fair

In the new year I will be writing to you in relation to the Year 9 course choice process. The spring term is a hugely important time for Year 9 as they will begin the process of choosing their courses for Key Stage 4; making those all-important decisions about the courses they will study in Years 10 and 11. As we move into the spring term it

is even more important than ever for Year 9 students to receive the guidance, they need to make informed choices. With this in mind, we will be hosting our annual **Course Choice evening and Careers Fair** on **Wednesday 31st January 2024** in school. This evening will contribute greatly towards the comprehensive Course Choice process for Year 9. Please make a note of the date, and further information will follow in January.

Uniform

In preparation for the new year and spring term we would very much like your support with ensuring all students adhere to the school uniform policy. We have noted that there has been a definite increase in the amount of jewellery worn in school. We ask that parents/carers monitor this at home and that uniform checks are completed before your child leaves for school. We also ask that any issues with uniform are corrected over the holiday period in preparation for when we return to school. Please do contact the year team if you require support.

As Christmas is fast approaching, I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you once again for your continued support. We wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 9th January.

Yours sincerely

J BRICKWOOD (Mrs)
Assistant Headteacher
Head of Middle School