

18 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, and most importantly, I hope that you and your family are safe and well.

I am sure that many of you have already seen the video message from Mr Hemmings that was uploaded onto our Oakmoor YouTube account on 11 June. If you haven't seen it yet, please do visit our channel and click the subscribe button to be kept up to date with the videos as they are uploaded by staff. I am writing to you today in place of a video message as it seemed a better way of sharing the information at the end of this letter.

Firstly, it has been a joy to be able to welcome our year 10 students back in to school this week. As expected, their engagement in lessons and their behaviour has been exemplary. Students and staff have commented that they have enjoyed some additional face to face time and that it is nice to make a step back towards normality, however strange our working conditions currently have to be. We look forward to continuing to develop this over the coming weeks and months and will keep you informed based on guidance from the government.

We are entering a crucial stage of the academic year and there is a lot of important work to be done. We are continuing to explore new engaging ways to deliver lessons to our students, we are working with our local partnership schools in preparing year 6 for the move up to Oakmoor in September and we are looking to finalise the Year 8 Options. I will write a letter to each student that will be sent home to inform them of their final four option choices as soon as the timetable has been confirmed.

You may have noticed that we originally had an INSET day planned for Monday 22 June. Given our current climate and the need to maintain learning throughout this term we have decided to cancel this INSET day.

Finally and as you know, several departments have been using the online learning platform 'Seneca'. This has been popular with many of our students who have found it to be a really engaging way of learning. Mrs Sutehall has championed Seneca in our school and kindly made me aware that you are able to create a parent account that links to your child's account. This will be really helpful in allowing you to keep up to date with how they are progressing in each subject that uses Seneca. We hope that you find this useful.

Stay safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely



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Parent Monitoring for Seneca

As you know, several departments have been using the online learning platform 'Seneca'. This has been popular amongst many of our students. I am pleased to inform you that Seneca have just released a free parent monitoring platform which allows you to see how long your child has spent on each of their different subjects, their average score & the number of questions answered.

It is worth noting that when I have tried this at school it didn't work on internet explorer, you will get the message below. When I tried it on Chrome (the first symbol below), it worked well.

Sorry you can't use Seneca on Internet Explorer yet. Please use a newer browser like Chrome, Firefox or Safari.

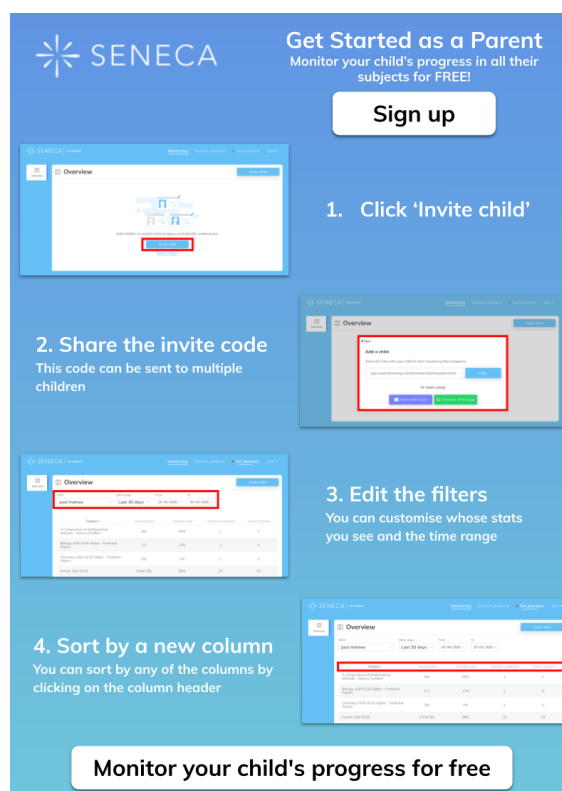


Here are some instructions for getting started:

1. Hold Ctrl and [Click here to create a parent account](#) (if you arrive at a login page, make sure to click on the 'Sign up' option)
2. Click 'invite child'
3. Share your code with your child(ren) and ask them to click on the link
4. Login to review their progress

Alternatively just click on the image below and then download as a PDF!

- File --> Download --> PDF document



Get Started as a Parent
Monitor your child's progress in all their subjects for FREE!

Sign up

1. Click 'Invite child'
2. Share the invite code
This code can be sent to multiple children
3. Edit the filters
You can customise whose stats you see and the time range
4. Sort by a new column
You can sort by any of the columns by clicking on the column header

Monitor your child's progress for free