

Deans Community High School

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This has been a very busy week for our school community as we moved to the next phase of learning. Hopefully by this point your child has been added to their new Teams and is now engaging with their new teachers. As expected, this change has not come without a number of technical challenges, in making the changes to classes and communicating these to students. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to our staff, students and parents/carers for their hard work, patience and perseverance in tackling these challenges. Teaching and learning in this way is incredibly far removed from what we are all used to and I'm deeply impressed by how adaptable all have proven to be. Please do keep in touch with us over any concerns you have as we continue to try to make this work.

We are evaluating the effectiveness of this new way of working as we go along and as part of this, we have been asking students to complete a short 'Form' survey. Already this has led to an increase in teachers, in particular support staff, checking in with students to ask how they're coping and offering some help where needed.

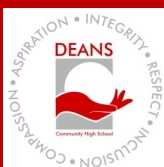
This weekend is the first of our May holidays, with Monday a holiday and Tuesday an INSET day. Staff will therefore not be engaging in any teaching on those days and students should prepare to resume their virtual learning on Wednesday 6th May.

In the meantime, I would like to again highlight some of the ways in which your children are engaging in their learning at this time. As there are so many examples, we are currently producing a 'Spotlight on Home Learning' newsletter which will be sent out to parents/carers and uploaded on our website.

On behalf of the staff at Deans, I hope that you and your families stay safe and well.

Pauline Allison
Head Teacher

MAY HOLIDAY DATES	
Mon 4 May	Holiday
Tue 5 May	INSET Day



As normal our website - www.deanscommunityhighschool.com - contains information updates for students and parents/carers. Have a look in our News items and the Information sections in Student Zone & Parent/carer Zone. Our Health & Wellbeing section is also updated with information and resources.

