



## Parmiter's School Home Teaching & Learning Newsletter

Welcome to the 7th edition of the Home Teaching and Learning newsletter. This edition focuses on Personal Development and the first few weeks of using Chromebooks in lessons to enhance Teaching and Learning

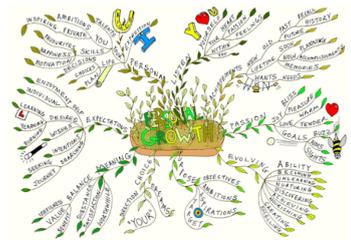
### Personal Development

September 2021 has seen the launch of our new Parmiter's specific, and comprehensive Personal Development (PD) programme. PD is taught in form times, assemblies, lessons and through guest speakers, but, what is it and why is it important?

#### What is Personal Development (PD)?

Personal Development prepares our young people to negotiate the challenges and opportunities of an increasingly complex world. At Parmiter's, we study four key topics that are revisited each year; these are:

1. Relationships, mental health, and emotional wellbeing
2. Citizenship, rights, responsibilities, and community
3. Healthy lifestyles and relationships (includes RSE)
4. Careers and finance



#### Why is PD important?

PD's significance as a subject cannot be underestimated. When delivered effectively, it provides our students with the skills and knowledge to thrive inside and outside of school, as well as in later life. This links closely to our commitment for each Parmiterian to aspire to find the path that best suits them, having developed the discipline, moral character and resilience to become a considerate and responsible member of society.

### Use of Chromebooks across the school

Below is a taster of what students have been up to using their Chromebooks across the school this half term.

In Music, Chromebooks have opened up all kinds of creative opportunities. Students in Years 7-9 have used audio software to add customised backing tracks to their performance and composition work.



We have used Chromebooks in extra-curricular groups to distribute music efficiently - and we have saved a few trees in the process! Our GCSE and A-level students have been able to work seamlessly on their compositions both in class and at home, using notation software. This has enabled them to have the space and time to develop their own creative voices more fully.



Here's what some of our Year 9 Music students had to say:

- "Using them is fun."
- "I enjoy being more independent by playing the backing track myself."
- "I'm really looking forward to performing next week."



Our Maths department has also embraced the use of Chromebooks. For example, in Year 8 Mathematics lessons students are making excellent use of 'Dr Frost Maths' to practise problem-solving questions involving fractions, using the stylus



feature for maths notation.

Here are some comments from our Year 8 Maths students:

- "It's great to know if I'm right straight away."
- "It's fun because it's interactive."
- "Really practical devices and easy to use."
- "It's easier to view on your own device rather than on the interactive whiteboard."

As a reminder, students are expected to:

- ★ Fully charge their Chromebook each evening; this will provide up to 10 hours of battery power, enough to last the whole school day.
- ★ Bring their Chromebook into school each day.

## eSafety

eSafety: Please don't forget to read the most recent [Herts for Learning eSafety newsletter](#) sent out to parents/carers earlier this half term.

And finally... Please don't forget that all previous Home Teaching and Learning Newsletters are available on our school website via [this link](#).

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