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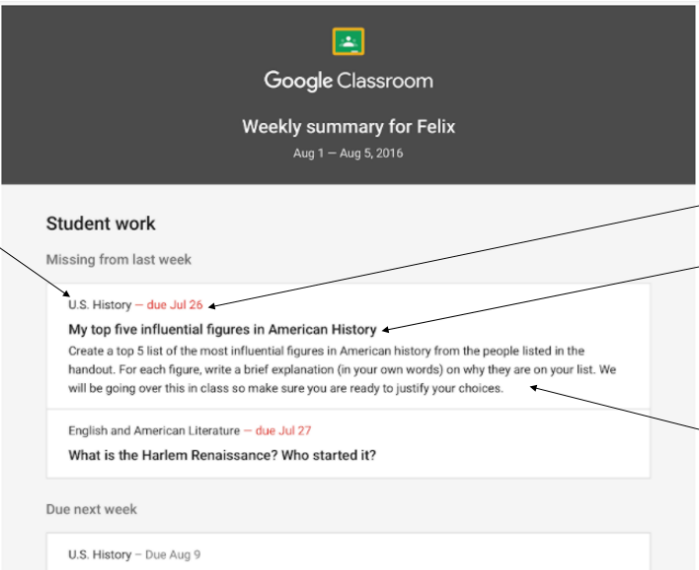
Dear Parent/Carer,

### Google Guardian

Following feedback received from the recent Deep Learning survey and from Parents' Evening, it is apparent that many of you would like to sign up for Google Guardian to support your child further with their learning. All students have been invited to join their tutor Google Classroom. On Thursday 8th February, a sign up form will be published once again offering you the opportunity to sign up. A summary of this can be found [here](#).

Google Guardian gives parents limited access to their child's Google Classrooms so that they can support and monitor homework completion. We feel that this is especially important as a parent and allows you to monitor engagement with home learning. The platform allows parents and carers to 'opt-in' to receive regular email updates about their child's home learning. Emails, known as 'Guardian Email Summaries', include information about missing work, upcoming work, class activity, teacher announcements and questions posted in the class stream. As guardians, you are able to choose the frequency of the emails - either daily (Monday to Friday) or weekly. This offers parents and carers a clearer picture of their child's learning journey. This partnership helps us work more effectively with parents and carers to support the learning of your child.

What will guardians receive?



The screenshot shows a Google Classroom interface for a 'Weekly summary for Felix' (Aug 1 - Aug 5, 2016). It lists 'Student work' under the subject 'U.S. History'. Annotations include:

- Subject/Class name:** Points to the 'U.S. History' subject line.
- Due date (Red if overdue):** Points to the red text 'due Jul 26'.
- Title of the assignment:** Points to the title 'My top five influential figures in American History'.
- Instructions:** Points to the detailed instructions for the assignment.
- Guardians do not see any attached files or returned grades. Private comments are only between the student/teacher.** A separate box pointing to the assignment content.

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It is important to note that the summary information may vary between departments.

All homework will be posted on Google Classroom so please continue to support your child by signing up to Google Guardian, if you have not already done so. Google Classroom also has a free app that can be downloaded onto most mobile phones with access to the internet. This app will also notify you and your child when the homework is due. We would advise that you and your child download this app if possible.

How do I sign up for Google Guardian?

If you would like to benefit from the features of Google Guardian, you need to complete the 'opt-in' Google Form which will be posted on your child's tutor Google Classroom on Thursday 8th February. If your child does not appear to have access to this remote classroom, then please notify the school via [enquiries@ripon.outwood.com](mailto:enquiries@ripon.outwood.com). We ask that students open the link at home with their parent/carer and sign up as soon as possible. Please note, we are unable to grant student access to Google Guardian within the Academy. Once this process is complete, you will receive an email from Google Guardian with set - up instructions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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