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To All Parents of Pupils in Year 11

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the world of on line learning and the virtual classroom.

Over the Easter holidays we have been working very hard to ensure that as a school we continue to deliver the same high class education that we pride ourselves on and for students in year 11 this means offering the following services;

1. All teaching will now be delivered via Microsoft Teams

For those unfamiliar with MSTeams this is a programme that allows us to teach live video and/or presentation based lessons as well as combining the benefits that we have already seen of MS One Note. Mr Beasley has been preparing an introductory video for all pupils and a link to this video will be sent to all students early next week. At the start of each lesson pupils will be required to visit the appropriate 'Team' where they will find their teacher on line ready to deliver the lesson via video or to set independent work or, more likely, a combination of both.

2. Induction Day on Tuesday 21st April – 1st day of term

Mrs Tudor will be delivering a start of term assembly which will be followed by an opportunity for all pupils to watch the introductory video mentioned above. At this point form tutors will be arranging to meet small groups of 4 or 5 students at a time to ensure that they are in a position to fully utilise MSTeams. We anticipate that some pupils will encounter some difficulties and all pupils will have questions about the new way of working. Mr Beasley, Mr Wilkinson and our IT support team will all be on hand to help solve as many of these issues as possible with the aim being that all students are ready to go straight into learning on Wednesday morning.

3. Exam Results.

All staff will continue to work both independently and, where necessary, with students to ensure that we have all the evidence necessary to corroborate the predicted grades that we submit to Ofqual.

At present we are still waiting final confirmation as to what this will look like but we are scanning the web sites on a daily basis to ensure that we give ourselves as much time as possible to adhere to the guidelines before the cut-off date.

4. A level teaching

We are very aware that with everyone in lock down at present we could be teaching a significant amount of A level content and thus get ourselves ahead of the game with A level studies. To this end we have devised the following timetable for pupils in year 11.

Please note that we will be moving to a one week timetable and no weird Wednesday! Following feedback from pupils, staff and parents we have also allowed a 10 minute 'screen break' between each lesson

We have invited staff to offer as much 'live' teaching as possible but have insisted that at least 1 lesson in 4 is live. Even when independent work has been set staff are still going to be on hand during the lesson times to answer any questions pupils may have.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Form time	8.45 - 9.15						A	Maths PE
Period 1	9.20 - 10.10	Block A	Block E	Block C (2)	Block E (1)	Block D	B	Bio Eco Mus Drama
Period 2	10.20 - 11.10	Block B	Block A	Block C (3)	Block D	Block B	C	Chem Hist Philo Fre Text
Break	11.10 - 11.40						D	Phy Geo Eng Germ Sp
Period 3	11.40 - 12.30	Block E	Block D	Block C	Block C	Block E	E	Psych Comp Sci Art/Phot
Lunch	12.30 - 2.00						Block C (1)	Textiles only
Optional Clinics	1.15 - 1.45	Sci Clinic	MFL Clinic	Humanities	Eng Clinic	Maths Clinic	Block C (2)	French Only
Period 4	2.00 - 2.50	Block A	Block C (1)	Block D	Block E (2)		Block C (3)	Not French or Textiles
Period 5	3.00 - 3.50	Block C	Block B	Block B		Block A	Block E (1)	Not CS
Extended Day	4.15 - 5.15						Block E (2)	CS Only

For pupils staying on to Luckley in the 6th form

We would fully expect you to engage wholeheartedly in this programme as it would be very difficult to catch up with your peers if you fell behind with the work.

Please also expect to be asked to do some independent work in addition to the lesson time allocated although this will be minimised as much as possible.

For pupils moving on to other 6th form establishments

If you are not planning to stay on at Luckley please can I encourage you to embrace this opportunity too.

- If you are going elsewhere to study one of these subjects we strongly recommend that you to join in with your peers and begin your course with us. (Of course we would be delighted if you changed your mind about moving elsewhere and decided to remain at Luckley to continue your studies 😊)
- If you are planning to study a course that we do not offer you are more than welcome to join in with any course that you would like to experience.

All you need to do to access this service is to email Mr Vallance with the name of the subject you would like to join in with and he will make sure that you are added to the relevant MS Teams group.

5. Subject Clinics

These will run in a very similar way to our usual subject clinics. Members of the relevant departments will be on line from 1.15 – 1.45 each lunchtime to help you with any problems that you have encountered with your studies so far. For subjects not mentioned in the list then please email your teacher directly for additional help.

6. E3

Enrichment Three, is period 3 every day whilst we are remote learning. Give one of the activities below a go and put **'you'** first for the hour! We have at least 4 activities to choose from each day and if you aren't able to join in at 11.40 then you can still do the activity later in the day.

Activity		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
S P O R T	Fitness	Higher intensity workouts, from cross-fit to plyometric! Get ready to get a sweat on...	AMRAP – as many rounds as possible! Mr Humphrey	Lower Body Circuit Mr Humphrey	Ballistic/Strength Movements Mr Humphrey	Upper Body Circuit Mr Humphrey	Abs Friday Mr Humphrey
		Lower intensity workouts, focussing on circuit training.	Whole Body Circuit Staff	Flexibility Staff	Cardio Circuit Staff	Upper Body Circuit Staff	Legs, Bums and Tums Staff
	Games Challenges	Use the challenge card in the sport of your choice to record your score for the week and see the progress! Find these on Microsoft Teams!	Football & Hockey Staff	Football & Hockey Staff	Football & Hockey Staff	Football & Hockey Staff	Football & Hockey Staff
	Personal Choice	5k run, 30 minute walk, skill practise. Its up to you... just make sure you're letting us know what you're up to by posting on Microsoft Teams.	Run, Walk, Jog... Staff	Pick a Skill and Practice it! Staff	Run, Walk, Jog... Staff	Pick a Skill and Practice it! Staff	Run, Walk, Jog... Staff
DANCE		A different genre each week – No experience necessary	Dance Class Miss Vallance				
CHRISTIAN LIFE		The usual mix of Bible study and sticky treats.			Bible and Cake Mrs Venables & Matsuya		
WELLNESS		Using mindfulness exercises to calm the mind, boost self awareness and cultivate resilience			Wellness Mrs Strivens		
SURVIVAL		D of E meets Bear Grylls, meets CCF meets The Green Team				Survival Mr McNaughton	
MUSIC		Join us singing and playing some of your favourite songs. All welcome, no experience necessary so give it a go!		Vocalise Mrs Ellwood			Friday Band Ms Woodhouse

7. Music Clubs

In addition to the 'everyone is welcome' E3 music sessions Mrs Ellwood will also be offering two remote music clubs

- Senior Choir-Monday 12.40-1.10
- Orchestra-Wednesday 12.40 – 1.10

As you are aware the situation is changing on a daily basis and we will continue to adapt as best we can. If schools are allowed to re-open before the start of the summer holidays then we will certainly open as soon as we are able to and will be in touch to see if we can offer further services to our year 11 students. This will certainly include efforts to re-introduce some of the planned leaver's events.

In the meantime, I would very much welcome feedback both positive and negative but please do experience a fortnight or so of this new venture before letting us know how we are getting on.

Yours sincerely

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