

17 April 2020

To All Parents and Pupils in Year 12

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 12 this means offering the following services;

**1. All teaching will now be delivered via Microsoft Teams**

For those unfamiliar with MS Teams 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 21<sup>st</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 MS Teams. 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. End of Year Exams.**

As you will probably be aware the end of year exams usually happen during the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> May. It is our intention to continue with this plan and so during this week all pupils will sit a series of assessments.

Staff are currently working on how best to administer these and what form the exams should take. Further details will be available soon but we fully appreciate that these cannot take their usual form, that we need to make them much 'lower stake' and less 'exam like' than usual and that all pupils will have access to a variety of resources that they will be able to use. Having said this it is still possible to set assessments that help us to gauge the progress pupils have made especially over the last two terms and this benchmark is very important to staff as we begin to plan programmes for next year. Please note that if schools are allowed to re-open before the end of the summer term then we will postpone the exams until school returns and run a much more formal series of A level mock exams. Please be assured that we will give pupils as much notice of this as we possibly can.

#### 4. Homework

Please 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.

We will be closely monitoring the Ofqual and exam board websites to see what the expectations will be for next year's GCSE and A level exams and should schools continue to remain closed for a longer period time of we may need to review this policy in due course.

#### 5. Teaching

We have prepared the following timetable for all students in year 12 to follow  
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, drama, music, PE, art
Period 1	9.20 - 10.10	Block A(1)	Block C(1)	Block E	Block B	Block A(2)	B – biology, business
Period 2	10.20 - 11.10	Block C	Block E	Block B	Block A	Block D	C – chemistry, English, psychology 1
Break	11.10 - 11.40						D – geography, , photography, computer science
Period 3	11.40 - 12.30	PE + Dance	Block C(2)	Block D	PE + Choir	PE + Soc Act	E – history, psychology 2,
Lunch	12.30 - 2.00						
Optional Clinics	1.15 - 1.45	Sci Clinic	MFL Clinic	Humanities	Eng Clinic	Maths Clinic	Block A(1) Not Art
Period 4	2.00 - 2.50	Block B	Block D	Block A	Block C	Block B	Block A(2) Art and Music only
Period 5	3.00 - 3.50	Block E	Block A (3)	Block E	Block C	Block D	Block A (3) Not Music -
Extended Day	4.15 - 5.15						Block C(1) Not Psy
							Block C(2) Psy Only

#### 6. 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.

#### 7. 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	
<b>S P O R T</b>	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
<b>DANCE</b>	A different genre each week – No experience necessary	Dance Class Miss Vallance					
<b>CHRISTIAN LIFE</b>	The usual mix of Bible study and sticky treats.			Bible and Cake Mrs Venables & Matsuya			
<b>WELLNESS</b>	Using mindfulness exercises to calm the mind, boost self awareness and cultivate resilience			Wellness Mrs Strivens			
<b>SURVIVAL</b>	D of E meets Bear Grylls, meets CCF meets The Green Team				Survival Mr McNaughton		
<b>MUSIC</b>	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	

## 8. 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 return to our usual two week timetable.

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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