

To All Parents and Pupils in Year 13

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 3 or 4 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.

Yesterday the government announced that A level results day will revert back to August 13th despite previous reports that this would be earlier in the summer. Irrespective of whether or not the lock down has been lifted Luckley staff will be on hand on this day to help students to ensure that they are ready to move on to the next stage in their academic life.

4. A level teaching

There are still a number of departments who were planning to complete the last few chapters of A level teaching early next term. Where this teaching is required knowledge for university courses, or

where pupils are simply curious as to what they have missed out on, staff will be contacting students individually to arrange times when this teaching can be completed.

5. Pre U provisions.

This is a very unusual but serendipitous opportunity for us to even further prepare our year 13 students for university life. To this end we are drawing up a programme of events which all year 13 students are encouraged to embrace.

This programme will begin with an individual video conference with the academic tutor to discuss possible areas of study.

These areas of study could include any or all of the following:

- A visit to the university website to look at recommended reading lists before starting the course
- A trawl through the relevant Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) to see if there are any opportunities for development here
- Subject lectures provided by Luckley Staff at a first year university level
- Further work on the 'UniFrog' site
- Entry into an academic competition

Once a course of study has been agreed then a member of the LHS staff will be assigned to each pupil to act as a supporter through the process.

As well as purely academic support we will also be offering students the opportunity for help in more practical areas such as:

- Help to create a CV
- A mock Skype interview for a fictional role

And then finally another set of sessions designed for the far more mundane aspects of student life such as:

- Managing your money
- How to work a washing machine
- What to look out for in Fresher's week

Students will also be invited to submit other areas for which they would like some advice and guidance on.

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, happens during 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. If students would like advice on keeping fit at university, how to join a gym or what it means to be part of a sports club at university then the PE staff would be delighted to offer this advice.

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	

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

and current year 13 pupils who are already members of these clubs are very welcome to join in. As with the PE provision should pupils wish to know more about what to expect from musical clubs at universities members of the Music department would be happy to offer help and advice.

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 13 students. This will certainly include efforts to re-introduce some of the planned leaver's events.



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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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