

Monday 11 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carer,

Following my previous communication, I promised I would write to you once we had reviewed our practices and processes for online learning. I can now confirm the arrangements for online/remote learning from Monday 18 January to Friday 12 February. It is a requirement that the remote education provided should be equivalent in length to the core teaching students would normally receive in school and should include both recorded or live direct teaching time, and time for students to complete tasks and assignments independently. The amount of remote education provided should be at least 5 hours. However, we are all conscious that it is not healthy, for students or staff, to be sat in front of a screen for 5 hours a day (although enough work will be set to ensure 5 hours is accessible). Therefore, we have made some adjustments to the 'live staff direct teaching time' during this period of remote provision. The aim is to give students longer breaks between screen time so they might exercise, get some fresh air and undertake other activities to support their general health and wellbeing.

Therefore, lessons will aim to have between 25 and 35 minutes of live teacher direct input i.e. teacher explanations and instructions, discussion and checks for understanding. Students will then be able to leave the session, take a break or continue working on any given written or visual task. Please note, these timings are approximations, it may be important to be online for the full hour if, as examples, they are working through complex subject matter or working on a portfolio piece. To do the very best job for our students we will continually work with them to review and amend our practices and inform you accordingly.

If your child is struggling, for whatever reason, they must communicate directly with the member of staff. They can do this via the chat button in Microsoft Teams, the 'Add a Comment' button on Show My Homework or through our normal Academy communication procedures. Please be aware that we will only have staff on site for vulnerable children and children of critical workers, therefore, our response times may be slightly slower.

From Monday 18 January the school day will run as follows:

**Monday 18 January to Friday 12 February:**

- Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 students will be taught remotely via live "Teams" lessons  
Guides are available here. However, further communication will be sent to Years 10 & 12  
**Students will not receive a daily formal tutor time. However, assemblies and tutor sessions will be arranged periodically**
- Year 7 to 9 students will continue to access remote learning for their lessons. All assignments will be placed on Show My Homework to ensure parents/carers have the ability to view work via the website. Please see full support guide [here](#)  
**Students will receive a formal tutor or House assembly at least once a week.**

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- Children of critical workers and vulnerable children in school will be expected to arrive at the Academy from 8.55am from the following gates;
  - **Yr7, Yr9 & Yr10 will enter from the main gate**
  - **Yr8, Yr11 & 6<sup>th</sup> form will enter from the staff car park gate**
- all consenting children of critical workers and vulnerable children will be tested upon their return and when the facility is up and running

**All lessons will run in accordance with our normal timetable. As normal, students will need to complete work in their own time to ensure they keep up with the requirements of our curriculum.**

We will be inviting all students in years groups 7, 8, 9 and 10 to attend year group assemblies on MS Teams later this week. Attending the assembly will be very important as it will give details about how students will access their home learning and what to expect. It will also include top tips for being successful linking to our ASPIRE Competencies and further details on how your child can access additional support while working remotely.

Students will be sent an invitation to the assembly through their school email address and via Teams which will allow them to access the assembly. Students should ensure that the usual high standards of behaviour are followed during online assemblies in line with our expectations in school.

I am sure that you still have many questions, especially related to GCSEs, A Levels, and vocational qualifications. Since my last communication Ofqual have released a statement which may be of interest to you. Please access this statement [here](#). Needless to say, it is vital that if you have a child in an examination year group or taking an external examination, they continue to engage with the work set by their teachers so that an appropriate assessment of their grade gain be ascertained.

Children eligible for free school meals have received food parcels up to and including the week beginning Monday 11 January. From this point onwards we will be issuing vouchers and you will receive further information shortly.

As a school, we are better prepared to tackle the challenges that lay ahead than we were in March. However, please be assured that I will continue to update you as and when we have Government clarification on pertinent issues that are currently unclear, please continue to monitor your emails for these updates.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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