

1st July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We are waiting to receive the guidelines from the government about how September will look for schools and we will be communicating our plans with you as soon as we can. In the mean-time I would like to thank you for the support you have shown your children with their online learning during the past few months. We have been very impressed by the work ethic shown by our students and the creativity and resilience they have demonstrated during lockdown. We have missed the students very much and look forward to welcoming them back to school as soon as we can do so.

To support students in the last two weeks of term, we are very pleased to inform you that we will be delivering some live lessons to students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. The timetable for these lessons is outlined below. We have dovetailed these live lessons with the sessions in school with Year 10 and Year 12 where the students are being taught in very small 'academic tutoring bubbles.'

Week commencing 6th July	Mon 6th	Tues 7th	Wed 8th	Thurs 9th	Fri 10th
Period 8.45am				Y8 DT	
Period 2 9.45am	Y8 Maths			Y9 Music	Y7 History
Period 11.20am	Y9 PE	Y8 English		Y8 Drama	Y9 Art
Period 4 12.50pm50	Y7 Geography	Y7 French	Y8 Science	Y7 DT	Y8 Art
Period 5 1.50pm	Y7 PE	Y9 French	Y7 Music	Y9 Computer Science	Y7 Computer Science
Wk commencing 13th July	Mon 13th	Tues 14th	Wed 15th	Thurs 16th	Fri 17th
Period 1 8.45am	Y7 Science	Y7 English Y9 DT			
Period 2. 9.45am	Y8 PE			Y7 Drama	Y9 RE

Period 3 11.20am	Y9 Maths	Y10 History	Y8 Computer Science		Y7 History
Period 4 12.50pm	Y8 Geography	Y9 English	Y7 Maths	Y9 Drama	
Period 5 1.50pm	Y9 History	Y8 French	Y9 Science	Y8 Music	Y7 Art

Students will be able to participate in these lessons from home using a PC, an iPad or a mobile phone using a Google Meet. The Google Meet app can be downloaded onto mobile devices relatively easily. We are very excited about this opportunity to supplement the online learning that your son or daughter has been undertaking and we very much hope that the students will enjoy interacting with their peers and their teachers. Work will continue to be set on Google Classroom and students will still submit work using that platform.

Teachers will set up Google Meets with groups of students and the link will be added to the stream in Google Classroom for that particular subject. I have also attached a Parent Guide to live lessons that provides more detail about how the process will work. Please can I suggest that you go through this document with your child to aid with preparation for the live lessons. Students must always use their school Google login to access the lessons in the same way as they would for Google Classroom. We ask that students have their camera on so they can actively join in with the lesson.

The live lessons will consist of various different formats depending on the subject and content. There will be opportunities for teachers to ask questions and students will also be able to contribute. Google Meet also has a 'text chat' function if students prefer to contribute in that way. Teachers can then respond to the messages and clarify any points when necessary.

At the start of the lesson, the teacher will go through a series of slides that outline the expectations for learning during the lessons. Please also note that these lessons will be recorded so can therefore be accessed subsequently by students.

We appreciate your ongoing support as we navigate our way through an unprecedented situation and very much hope that some live teaching will benefit your son or daughter. Please do get in touch with us if you feel that your child needs additional support or if we can be of any further assistance. We will be in touch again as soon as we can to inform you about the plans for the next phase of re-opening. In the meantime I hope that you and your families stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Emma Taylor
Vice Principal