



8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Even though we have only just started the spring term, so much as already happened. In these difficult times, it is always worth remembering that we are all going through this together as part of the same community. Never has it been so important to all work together and support each other in providing the very best education we can for all our children.

We are working extremely hard to provide all the resources necessary for all our students to be able to access their learning remotely. This includes providing any equipment needed that would help with their online work. We have already loaned out a large number of Chromebooks and helped with internet connections. You may have also seen the communication regarding mobile data, we are looking into how we can support with this. If your child has a Xbox or playstation and would like to use this to access Google Classroom, we are also able to provide USB keyboards and mice, if you do not already have them. Please contact the school if you require these items.

### **Remote Learning**

For all our remote learning, we will be using Google Classroom. No work will be set on Show My Homework.

All students are expected to follow their normal timetable for lessons throughout the week. These lessons will be available on Google Classroom and will last for 55 minutes. We recommend using a device bigger than an ipad or mobile phone. If you have limited or no access to a device, please contact us. We have some Chromebooks which we are lending out for the duration of the lockdown. If you do not have internet access, please also contact us as we may be able to help with this.

Students need a quiet place to work and have a suitable desk or table to work on.

### **Reading**

It has been proven that the more you read, the more progress you make in school. This year we have a clear focus on improving reading across all year groups. Each day, in addition to lessons, we expect all students to read for at least 20 minutes. This needs to be at a level suitable for their reading ability. All students have access to an online library where they can take out books to read.

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## Form Time

Form time is changing and during lockdown will be at 8:30 for all students. There will be some sessions for the whole year group run by the Heads of Year and Head of Sixth Form. Times of these sessions will be posted in Google Classroom. In other times, form tutors will be available for drop in sessions.

## Key Stage 3

All lessons start with a register by their teacher. New content will be introduced by the teacher during the live lessons. Some lessons will not have new content but will involve tasks being set for the students with the teacher available to provide support, where needed. Each lesson will end with a plenary with the class teacher.

## Key Stage 4

All lessons will be live and start with a register by the teacher. Each lesson will have some input by the teacher followed by tasks set. These tasks will vary in length depending on the subject and may last more than one lesson. Your teachers will be available for support during these lessons. Work will be submitted on Google Classroom and feedback will be given on this work.

## Key Stage 5

All lessons will be live with the teacher delivering content in the same way as they would do in school. For some courses, this will involve working independently with the teacher available online for support.

## PE

During this time of lockdown, it is important that all students do some exercise. For Years 7 to 11, will continue to have live lessons for PE and will be given a choice of activities for them to complete.

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## Times of the School Day During Lockdown

8:30	Form Time
9:00	Period 1
10:00	Period 2
11:00	Break
11:20	Period 3
12:20	Period 4
1:20	Lunch
1:50	Period 5

I have been extremely pleased with the way both staff and students have adapted to this change. I would like to thank all the parents and carers who have provided us with the positive feedback on our remote learning. We are constantly looking at ways to improve what we are doing and I appreciate your feedback.

Thank you for your continued support through this difficult time. Together, we can make a huge difference to our children's future.

Yours faithfully

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