

Good Afternoon Parents, Carers and Students,

It is very clear that the students have been working hard to complete their lessons and keep up to date with their classwork set on Show My homework over the past 2 days. A big well done to all the year 10's. Please continue to keep up the good work during your live lessons next week. I know that there will be some anxiety and worry about having a lockdown during Year 10, but students commitment to their studies at home will ensure that they are keeping on track and staying focused on the end goal.

A few noticed from me this week:

- **Teams Live Lessons** – Year 10 live Teams lessons will be starting Monday 11th January. The lessons will follow the students normal school timetable. During the live lessons, the students will be on a team's lesson with their normal class teacher. The timetable will follow the normal school day timings including Friday times. During the live lessons, the students are expected to act in a sensible manner and conduct themselves appropriately, as all students did during our previous remote learning in June 2020. The students should keep themselves muted unless told otherwise, and only write comments if they have been asked to or need help from the teacher. Students will need to check their emails regularly to accept the invites to the live lessons and ensure they RSVP. I would recommend that students check their emails every morning before school starts to ensure they have accepted all the invites.
- **Attendance and Lesson Monitoring** - Teams lessons will be monitored for attendance. Teachers will be taking registers at the start of each lesson and these will be shared with the pastoral team. A member of staff will be in contact if there is a lack of attendance.
- **Mentor Time** - Mentor time will be starting from Monday. Students will be invited via Teams to attend their mentor session. The mentor time will start at the same time as normal (8.30 - 9am) and will follow a daily structure like they would normally have in school.
- **Exercise books / KO collection** - Parents and students can collect printed versions of this terms KO, along with new exercise books. Collection is available from Monday between 9am - 2pm. These resources can be collected from the school bike sheds or reception (weather dependent) between these times.
- **Knowledge Organisers / Quizlet** - Please see the attached document for more information. Year 10 students now have the option to use quizlet to complete their Knowledge Organiser daily tasks. Students have had training on this prior to the Christmas break, and a large majority of students are keen for this. It enables students to self quiz themselves on the keywords and definitions. Students are required to achieve 80% on the quiz in order to class that subject as complete for that day. Mentors can see the attempts and time taken by students on each subject. If they have any questions they can ask their mentor. Some students are still keen to continue in the previous manner of writing the lines using the look, cover, write, check method which is absolutely fine. It is for students to find the strategies that they find the most beneficial for their personal learning.
- **Show my Homework** - Please ensure that students are checking the calendar in SMHW as this will show all of the homework and classwork set by their teachers. Not all work

set will appear in their to do list. Some teachers may use this to upload additional resources or tasks to support live lessons.

- **Consent for lateral flow testing** - Thank you to those of you that have already complete the short consent form that can be found on the website. Please ensure that this is completed in order to support the successful return to school when it is safe to do so.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IXlxjomIWk2nV7M1RvosY28V88UTCt5HpuAeS0ybNQdUMVRNME8yRVJORlo4MENLNVZIVlpWN0IHWS4u>

- **Year 10 Parents evening** – The decision has been made to postpone parents evening to give students, parents and teachers time to settle into this new way of learning remotely. I hope to be in touch next week with the new (and hopefully final) date. Thank you for your support, patience and understanding with this change. Reports will also be emailed home prior to this so that you have up to date information regarding your child.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and stay safe,

Kind regards,

Rachel Pelling