

Good Afternoon Parents, Carers and Students,

Hopefully, the students have now been able to familiarise themselves with Microsoft Teams. I have had some lovely feedback from the year 7 mentor team saying how pleased they were to see the students this morning. There was a very good turnout to the test lesson and I believe students left the lesson feeling more confident about Monday's live lessons.

It is very clear that the students have been working hard to complete their lessons and keep up to date with their classwork. A big well done to all the year 7's. I know this is a very different way of learning, but you have all adapted so well so far. Please continue to keep up the good work during your live lessons next week.

A few noticed from me this week ready for Monday's live lessons:

- Teams Live Lessons - Year 7's live Teams lessons will be starting Monday 11th January. The lessons will follow the students' normal school timetable. The students were sent their most up to date timetable earlier this week to their school email account. During the live lessons, the students will be on a Teams lesson with their 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. 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 on Monday 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 term's KO, along with new exercise books. Collection is available from 9am - 2pm. These resources can be collected from the school bike sheds between these times.
- Knowledge Organisers/ Quizlet - Please see the attached document for more information.

- Show my Homework - Please ensure that students are checking the calendar in SMHW as this will show all the homework set by their teachers. Not all work set will appear in their to do list.
- Consent for lateral flow testing - Thank you to those of you that have already completed 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=IXIxmIWk2nV7M1RvosY28V88UTCt5HpuAeS0ybNQdUMVRNME8yRVJORlo4MENLNVZIVlpWN0IHWS4u>

I know that this has been a tough week for many of you and I really appreciate your patience and co-operation. As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting me or your child's mentor.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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