

Dear parents, carers and students,

Firstly I want to start by congratulating the year group on another very successful week of learning with the introduction of our Blended Learning schedule. As you are aware, blended learning is an approach to education that combines remotely taught 'live' lessons with independently completed tasks for students that have been set by teachers. This is a different model of teaching and students are already adapting well to this, however we will be supporting students further by addressing key points (including how to remove deleted lessons from Teams, how to access homework and independent tasks from SMHW and how to submit work using SMHW) during our weekly Monday assembly. Students will be sent a link to this assembly on Monday morning via their school email account.

Just a few brief points from me this week:

- **Mentor time** – All students MUST continue to attend all mentor sessions please. It is vital that students speak with their mentor daily and contribute to the activities and information that is shared each day.
- **Live lessons** - Please see the live lesson guide attached for Year 11 students. The students will be aware if they are on the East or West side and teachers have been reminding students about live lessons in their subject area. If there are any changes, teachers will inform students in advance. Students must attend all scheduled live lessons and registers are taken for every session. Please do remember to contribute fully to all lessons by engaging with the learning, contributing using the chat facility or by unmuting and answering questions when asked to do so.
- **Independent learning** - All students must complete all set tasks during the scheduled independent learning hours and must submit these for marking and feedback using SMHW or emailing teachers directly. Teachers are keen to see work completed from students, which will inform their future planning along with supporting students on an individual basis.
- **PE** – PE lessons will be practical from next week and all students (and families 😊) will be encouraged to participate online with their teachers.

All teachers really do appreciate the support from our parents, carers and families during this challenging time. Please do all have a safe and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Rachel Pelling