

Dear secondary parents,

Thank you for your support in helping your child to adjust to the new reality of online learning. It's been great to see pupils submitting high quality work in a range of different subjects this week and we look forward to seeing students continue to push themselves as we move forwards.

When we originally planned for online learning this term, we were working under the assumption that students would be back at school by Monday 18th January at the latest. With this date in mind, we planned to run learning in a similar way to how we did in the spring lockdown, with two lessons taking place each day via pre-recorded videos and work that students submit at the end of the day. Teachers worked hard over their Christmas holidays to prepare these resources and students will benefit from them this week and next.

On Monday 4th January the government announced that children will not return to in person learning until after February half term at the earliest. As such, we are moving to a new model of three live lessons each day from Monday 18th January. We believe that having more teacher led lessons and structured activities online will not only help your child to learn more but will also support their wellbeing by giving some structure to the day.

Live learning from Monday 18th January

All children in the secondary school will operate according to the same timetable. Each class in Middle School and Upper School will follow a different timetable (i.e. 7 Liverpool's day will look different to 7York's day).

If your child is in Sixth Form, their day is likely to look slightly different. As students do not study in every slot of the week, they will have more 'free' time in their week, but they will be expected to complete independent learning in this time.

Next week you will be emailed your child's specific lessons so you can see which subject they should be learning on each day.

Time	Activity
8.25 - 8.30am	Students logging on
8.30 - 8.45am Prompt start at 8.30am	Form time (Most days this will be short, but there will be an extended session once/week) All students will be registered daily at 8.30am, this will impact their attendance - students must attend this registration period.
8.45 - 10.15am	Lesson 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 45 minutes live teaching• 45 minutes independent work Students will submit work at 10.15am via MS Teams
10.15 - 11.00am	Break
11.00 - 12.30pm	Lesson 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 45 minutes live teaching• 45 minutes independent work Students will submit work at 12.30pm via MS Teams
12.30pm-1.45pm	Lunch break

1.45pm-3.15pm	<p>Lesson 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45 minutes live teaching • 45 minutes independent work <p>Students will submit work at 3.15pm via MS Teams</p>
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The pupils on site in community classrooms will be joining these live lessons, on computers in school and will follow the same curriculum.

Parent Information Evenings

We know that parents will have many questions and will want to know more details so we have organised parent information evenings next week at the following times. You can join your meeting by clicking on the link in the document.

Student group	Date and Time	Staff member	Teams link
Year 11	Tuesday 12 th January, 5pm	Mr. Haimendorf	Click here to join the meeting
Year 13	Tuesday 12 th January, 5.30pm	Mr. Haimendorf	Click here to join the meeting
Year 10	Wednesday 13 th January, 5pm	Ms. Povey	Click here to join the meeting
Year 12	Wednesday 13 th January, 5.30pm	Mr. Tindell	Click here to join the meeting
Middle School (all years 7, 8,9)	Thursday 14 th January, 5pm	Ms. Armitage	Click here to join the meeting

In these meetings, you'll have the opportunity to ask any additional questions of staff, as well as learning more about how you can support your child to be successful in their online learning.

I wrote to Year 11 and Year 13 pupils and parents earlier in the week about the government's announcement that external exams will not run in the normal way this year and that grades will be determined by teacher judgements. We await further government guidance about this and are making plans internally to ensure we have robust data collection methods in place while students are learning from home and for when they come back to school. In the year 11 and year 13 meetings next week I will share more information about our current plans as a school and how we intend to respond to further announcements.

Access to technology

In the spring lockdown, we did not run live lessons as we knew this might be difficult for some families who were sharing resources. Over the course of the first term in school we have invested time and resource in sourcing laptops to loan to families who need them. Many of these have been distributed already but we still have resources available to loan to those whose secondary children do not have their own laptop.

If your child does not have access to a laptop computer, please let their Head of Year know as we are keen to ensure every secondary child is ready to access live lessons from Monday 18th January.

We look forward to sharing more information with you in parent information evenings next week.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Haimendorf

Principal