

19th June 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Y10 only: Expansion of Online Learning Offer

We are really pleased to have safely welcomed back some of our Y10 and Y12 students this week. It has been lovely to see students returning to school so positively and keen to access our face-to-face provision.

Like you, we wish we could return to some kind of normality but the current pandemic and the restrictions in place mean we are limited in how many pupils we can safely have in the school as a whole and in each classroom. All of the decisions taken have been led by the Government Guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-secondary-schools>) which states schools should offer ***'some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education, which should remain the predominant mode of education during this term'***.

However, we also understand what an important time this is for year 10 which is why, from next week, we will be expanding our online support for **all subject areas**.

Starting from Monday 22nd June there will be a **live streamed Google lesson delivered daily** by a subject specialist at 2pm, lasting for approximately 1 hour. Each day will feature a different subject of the curriculum. The lessons will be relevant to all Y10 students and where students have different tiers of entry (e.g. Maths) we will offer 2 differentiated lessons at the same time. The lessons will be a blend of direct teaching and student activities and will cover the key curriculum topics at this stage of Y10.

We will begin our series of Y10 live lessons on **Monday 22nd June** with Physics (Triple and Combined), Tuesday with Chemistry (Triple and Combined) and Wednesday with Biology (Triple and Combined). This will follow on Thursday and Friday with Maths and English. The live streamed lessons can be accessed from any device (laptop, ipad, smartphone etc).

Each week, Mr Wilkinson will share a schedule of the live lessons, including the link to log on, with students and parents. If your child is unable to be present for the lesson then all lessons will be recorded and shared with all students to access later. The live lessons which we have trialled successfully, are in addition to the usual work provided through Google classrooms and other live lessons already planned to take place. This is simply an expansion of what we know is a really effective method of delivery.

You can also expect to receive a summer progress report for your child in July which will provide a summary of the progress your child made is making. As always, should you have any questions please contact your child's Head of Year. If you have any specific questions regarding remote learning please contact Mr Wilkinson.



As soon as we receive confirmation of the Government guidance for the provision of schools in September, additional 'catch-up programmes' and the arrangements for the examinations next year I will communicate our plans, in detail.

I hope you and your families are well. Best wishes from everyone at school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs V Rahn
Head of School