



19th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to Year 8 and 9 parents for your support and understanding this week. The uncertain nature of this virus and subsequent 10 day isolation period for anyone testing positive continues to provide daily challenges. As I write, we know we are definitely without teaching staff for one year group next week, which doesn't factor in any day to day absence or subsequent COVID absentees. As such, to try to minimise the disruption for both students and parents/carers, the following arrangements will apply next week.

Day	Year Group Remote Learning from home	Other Information
Monday 22 nd November	10	Students should use this time to revise for mock examinations – see below*
Tuesday 23 rd November	9	
Wednesday 24 th November	8	
Thursday 25 th November	7	Students will be shown how to use MS Teams this week – see below **
Friday 26 th November	INSET –no students in school	

* Year 10 mock examinations in the hall will be moved to Tuesday and Wednesday. We have had a run through with the students this week to ensure they are familiar with the process. Monday provides an opportunity for students to complete some revision at home. They have key Macbeth materials and Hegarty guidance sheets to guide and support them. No work will be set online to allow students to focus on making and learning revision cards and completing Hegarty practice.

** Year 7 will be given a guide sheet and manually shown how to use Microsoft Teams this week in order to access normal lessons on Thursday remotely. As children are already in classes, we have made the decision to delay moving sets until we are back to full capacity, otherwise there will be problems with students accessing their class online.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 should follow their normal timetable whilst working from home. Due to the extent of staff absence, please be mindful although work will be uploaded for students to complete at the time of their lesson, staff may be covering for absent colleagues in school therefore not necessarily online at the same time.

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Given the extent of staff absence, we have decided to postpone all consultation events until into the New Year. We are currently in the process of marking Year 11 mocks and Year 10 and KS3 assessments will take place over the next few weeks to enable an accurate report to be sent to you before Christmas. I apologise for any inconvenience, but at present we are sadly still not living in a 'normal' world. On a

positive, student attendance (at 91.5%) is currently significantly above national attendance (85%) so thank you for all you are doing to ensure our children are where they should be ... at school. I know it is laborious, but I would encourage you to ensure your child is still testing using lateral flow kits from school twice a week, this way we minimise transmission of the virus in school. Student numbers have increased over the last couple of weeks, so we need to be vigilant to help protect one another.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a good weekend!

Kind regards



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