

Parent / Carer Newsletter 8

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We hope that you are all keeping well.

Last week we enjoyed a range of different activities in school including our Tropical Extravaganza day: where students learnt about Hawaii, made Lei flower necklaces, took part in hula dancing and competed in a coconut bowling competition. This week we have been back to school; continuing our online learning for the majority of students and supporting a small group of students in school.

News about re-opening of schools:

As you will have seen in the news some primary school students have returned to school this week. Primary schools in Sheffield have not returned as originally planned as the local Director of Public Health advised that it was not safe to do so.



In accordance with the Governments guidelines we are preparing to welcome Y10 and Y12 students for some face-to-face teaching before the end of this term. On Friday 5 June, important information will be going out about a possible return to school for Y10 and Y12 students, from 15 June. This will be available on the website and via students' individual school email addresses and the MyEd app. Parents should note that these arrangements are all dependent on the Director of Public Health in Sheffield saying that schools can have more students on site.

The safety of students and staff is of upmost importance and therefore we have put in place a number of new measures in line with Government guidelines.

We know that for students in Y10, Y12 and other year groups, remote learning will be the main delivery method until the end of the summer term; the direct contact is intended to supplement this and to allow staff to identify gaps and misunderstandings in learning, as well as to motivate students to complete tasks.

Working at home:

Over the past month teachers have been using Microsoft Office 365 and Microsoft Teams with Y12 students to explore its possibilities as a teaching tool. We are now in a position to increase the number of live lessons taking place and use this teaching method with all year groups.

From Monday 8 June students in years 7 -10 will have access to a live lesson each day. We will introduce a two week timetable to allow students to have a live lesson in the majority of their subjects over the two week period. The live lessons will go alongside the online learning which is already taking place and will form part of the allocated learning time for that week.

Each year will have a designated time slot for their lessons:

Year 7: 9:30 -10:30

Year 8: 10:30 – 11:30

Year 9: 11:30 – 12:30

Year 10: 13:00 – 14:00

The majority of lessons will take place across a whole year group to allow staff to be available to deliver lessons to students in school, set online learning activities and continue to work effectively from home.

To help students access Microsoft Office 365 and use Microsoft Teams we have created a tutorial video to help students with the new software. Please use this link to access the video <https://youtu.be/KZQZkRvKKZQ>

Microsoft Teams can be accessed on computers, tablets and smartphones. If a student is unable to access the live lessons or is experiencing technical problems please direct them to the following members of staff:

IT support: D.salim@allsaintslearning.co.uk

KS3 support: M.baxter@allsaintslearning.co.uk

KS4 support: M.shaw@allsaintslearning.co.uk

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All live lessons will be recorded and placed on the Teams area. Students who were unable to attend the live lesson will be able to watch the recording and complete the learning activities.

It is important that students are responsible when working in live lessons. Students must not share video or screen images when taking part in live lessons for safeguarding reasons. Teachers will mute the microphones of all students unless the activity requires students to respond to ensure all students can hear what the teacher is saying. Students will be able to ask questions using the chat feature which the teacher will be able to respond to.

Teaching staff have been working hard to learn how to use Microsoft Teams to support students working from home. It is important to remember that this is a new experience for staff and many are developing new skills. We will all be learning how to use teams effectively over the following weeks. If there are technical difficulties please communicate with teachers so that we can hopefully resolve them and start to have more live lessons.

Week 1 Weeks commencing 8/6/20, 22/6/20, 6/7/20						
Year	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	9:30-10:30	English	Maths	PSHE/ assembly	Science	RE
8	10:30-11:30	Art -video	History	Spanish French	Geography	English
9	11:30-12:30	Maths	English	Option X	PSHE/ assembly	French Spanish
10	13:00-14:00	Science	RE	History Geography	Option Y	Maths

Week 2 Weeks commencing 15/6/20, 29/6/20, 13/7/20						
Year	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	9:30-10:30	English	History	Geography	Art -video	Spanish French
8	10:30-11:30	Maths	RE	PSHE/ assembly	Science	Maths
9	11:30-12:30	RE	Option Y	English	History Geography	Science
10	13:00-14:00	Option X	French Spanish Option R Food, DT, OCR sport	Science	PSHE/ assembly	English

Keeping in touch:

Our students have been sent a newsletter with ideas and activities. Just a reminder that whilst we recommend websites and links to students in good faith, it is always worth checking the websites that your child is accessing online. The government has launched a useful website for parents/carers with advice to keep your child safe online: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Sending all of our best wishes. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families in our community who are currently affected by illness or bereavement.

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