

Parent / Carer Newsletter 9

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

Last week, students in school continued their learning across the curriculum. We will let you try to work out which activities came from which subject areas!

Student's activities have ranged from examining historical viruses, 'come dine with me' style recipes, endangered and extinct animals. In addition, we have been writing newspaper articles around current affairs, including the Black Lives Matter and anti-racism protests. Daily exercise sessions have seen students put through their paces and competing in the 'school games' initiative. The week was rounded off with a Drama lesson.



News about re-opening of schools:

Last week we sent out information about the return to school of some students. This starts on Monday 15 June, with Y12 students who take subjects in option block A. Students will have a set of reminders sent to them via school email. Y10 students will start to return from 22 June, as per the timetable sent out last week.

School will therefore only be open to Y12 and Y10 at their designated lesson times and for those students whose parents or carers are key workers and have been in school in previous weeks. School remains closed to all other students in Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9.

We are pleased that we will be able to offer some face-to-face tuition before the summer holidays and we look forward to seeing our students. These arrangements are subject to change if the Director of Public Health in Sheffield says that it is not safe for schools to open to more students.

The safety of students and staff is of utmost importance and therefore we have put in place a number of new measures. Parents of students in Y10 and Y12 will receive additional information regarding safety measures and arrangements for re-opening.

As we said last time remote learning continues to 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:

Thank you for your continuing to support your child with their school work.

As you are aware we have started to deliver Live Lessons this week using Microsoft Teams. Staff have enjoyed reconnecting with students and delivering lessons. Attendance in lessons has been pleasing. If your child has not been able to join a live lesson so far, please encourage them to attend where possible. The live lessons are designed to go alongside the online learning which is being set on SMHW.

Lessons will appear on the calendar 15 minutes prior to the start of the lesson. Students should only access the lesson when it appears on their calendar. We have been completing some changes to the Teams calendar which has caused some confusion this week. Please be assured that we are doing everything possible to ensure students are confident using the new technology.

To assist students the following videos have been shared with students:

- Accessing Microsoft 365 and Teams: <https://youtu.be/KZQZkRvKKZQ>
- Using the calendar: <https://youtu.be/rBtlbZhX-g>

If your child is experiencing any difficulties accessing Live Lessons please ask them to contact Mr Shaw m.shaw@allsaintslearning.co.uk

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We are aware that a small number of students have experienced some difficulties when trying to access Office 365 and Microsoft Teams. Please contact Mr Salim d.salim@allsaintslearning.co.uk if your child needs technical support.

This is the timetable for live lessons next week. We are working on a fortnightly timetable. This is week two:

Year	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	9.30 – 10.30	English	History	Geography	Art – video	Spanish French
Year 8	10.30 – 11.30	Maths	RE	PSHE/Assembly	Science	Maths
Year 9	11.30 – 12.30	RE	Option Y	English	History Geography	Science
Year 10	13.00 – 14.00	Option X	French Spanish	Science	PSHE/Assembly	English

We would like to share with you some of our expectations when students are engaged with the live lesson.

- Switch off your camera and microphone. This protects your privacy and stops any background noise
- Let your teacher know you have a question using the question button. Please wait to be asked to speak, just as you would in a lesson. When prompted, please speak clearly and use appropriate language.
- Have a question but don't have a microphone? Use the 'chat' feature and type your question instead, we want all students to use this function responsibly.
- Be confident, calm and caring. Sometimes the technology doesn't always work; sometimes internet connections 'lag'

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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