



4th January 2021

KS4 and KS5 Home Learning Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Following the announcement from the Secretary of State on the 30th December regarding the delayed return of some pupils to schools in January, I am writing to confirm our home learning approach for KS4 and KS5 students.

As per previous, all home learning for all subjects will be set via the 365 Microsoft Teams platform.

To access this platform students need to know their login details for 365 Microsoft Office. Usernames begin with the year they started secondary education (Year 7), their initial, surname followed by @castlerocksch.uk. Students should know their own passwords.

Year 10 students: 2017, Year 11 students: 2016, Year 12 students: 2015, Year 13 students: 2014

For example: 17jbloggs@castlerocksch.uk

If for any reason your child is struggling to access this platform please email homelearning@castlerocksch.uk and we will do our best to help resolve any issues as efficiently as possible. You can access a detailed parent/ carer guide to Microsoft Teams using this link to our website <https://www.castlerocksch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Detailed-Guide-to-Microsoft-Teams.pdf>.

With regards to the work being set, teachers are following the curriculum that they would be covering in school. Please note some subjects will be carrying out revision ahead of external exams or the next round of mock exams, whilst other subjects will be setting new learning. Lessons are tailored to best meet the needs of the subject and students and will include a combination of teaching and learning strategies/ tasks, such as narrated power points, work booklets, reading activities, learning videos, GCSEpod assignments and worksheets to complete, to name only a few.

An appropriate amount of home learning is being set to reflect the required number of subject hours that would be taught in school. Teachers are either setting work at the beginning of the week or in accordance with student timetables.

For some KS5 lessons, teachers might opt to deliver 'live' lessons during scheduled lessons. This is subject dependant. If this is the case, subject teachers will make contact with their class via Teams to provide instruction.

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The expectation is that all students will share the work that they have completed via Teams or directly with their subject teacher via email. This will allow teachers to monitor the completion of work produced and provide feedback/ additional support. Please note teacher email addresses all follow the format:

initialsurname@castlerocksch.uk for example dclayfield@castlerocksch.uk.

Finally, please do let us know via the homelearning@castlerocksch.uk email address if your child requires paper copies of home learning materials. We are only printing learning packs on request. We will then inform you when this is ready for collection from the main office.

Given that the education landscape continues to be in flux, we will update you with any developments.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

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