



21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue to develop our remote learning offer, to support students and parents we are increasing the amount of 'live interactivity' between students and their teachers, particularly for students in Years 7, 8 and 9. We will aim for students to have live interaction with their teachers at least once each week in the majority of their subjects. These will serve a number of purposes including teaching new material, discussions based on tasks set or even live feedback based on an assessed task.

Students will find that the balance of live interaction might vary depending on the type of lesson. For example, there might be thirty minutes of live interaction followed by a set independent learning task that students are required to hand in via Teams. Students are encouraged to engage with their teachers and use this as an opportunity to ask any questions to consolidate their knowledge and understanding. Our expectation, therefore, is that wherever possible students attend all live lessons.

**Key stage 3 students only.** To enable these 'live lessons' to function smoothly, following the February half term break, from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, KS3 students need to work in accordance with their ***new in school timetable***. This will be different from the 'general' timetable that is currently on the website, which will be removed to avoid confusion. Subject teachers will be informing students via Teams on Monday morning when their weekly lessons are scheduled to take place. Please use the template provided to build your own school timetable using this information. On Monday during live registration, tutors will provide students with further guidance.

Live lessons will be accessed in the same way as registration each morning. Teachers will send out invitations in advance of the lessons and will communicate clearly with students when they are expected to attend. These will appear as an email and students will receive a notification in Teams. If they click on the calendar, the scheduled session will also appear here. Students will be admitted into the lesson by the teacher. We ask that students turn off their microphones and videos before entering the session.

We understand that many of you will have children in your family needing to share laptops, tablets or other devices. Because of this we do not believe that all our lessons should be live. Lessons will be recorded so that our students in this situation can access the lesson later if needs be.

We understand that many families are finding this period of lockdown very challenging. We are very grateful for the support you continue to give to your children as they work from home. We hope that the next half term brings good news and we can get our students, your children, back into school where they belong.

I hope you have had a restful half term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Clayfield

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**KS3 STUDENTS ONLY**

**Use the template below to build your own timetable.**

**This is your new school timetable that you should follow to help you to plan your learning.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1					
Period 2					
Break					
Period 3					
Period 4					
Lunch					
Period 5					