



Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have all had a restful Christmas break.

I am writing to inform you of a few changes to online learning for students who are isolating.

In line with DFE expectations, we are going to be moving to a hybrid learning model. This means that where appropriate students will be able to live stream to all non-practical lessons via Microsoft Teams. All students who are isolating and are well enough to work are expected to attend these lessons.

Teachers of practical lessons will continue to set work via SharePoint as before but will where possible deliver their theory lessons live. They will inform students whether they are expected to attend a live lesson or not via Teams.

We feel that offering live lessons, where possible, will ensure students do not fall behind with their learning. Also, giving students the opportunity to actively participate in lessons whilst isolating will be good for their mental wellbeing.

If a hybrid lesson is taking place, then no work for that lesson will be available on SharePoint, as all students who are well enough to complete work are expected to attend the live lesson.

Next week, I will be meeting with all students to remind them of how to access live lessons and recap our expectations whilst attending these. Year 7 students will be given with more in-depth training as I am aware, for some this will be a new experience.

For your son/charge to be able to access the lessons, you will need to ensure they have access to Microsoft Teams. This can be used on either a computer/laptop or on a mobile device or tablet. I have enclosed a helpful step-by-step guide for you to help your son/charge set up Teams.

If your son/charge is isolating and well enough to attend live lessons but doesn't have an electronic device to work from. Please contact the academy.

For us to transition to hybrid lessons smoothly, we would appreciate you informing the attendance team at the academy as quickly as possible, should your son/charge be required to isolate. Teaching staff will then be notified if a live lesson is required and be able to plan accordingly.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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