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Year 12 Lockdown Update

Dear Parents / carers and students,

I hope you are all well, and managing this latest lockdown as best you can.

We understand that periods of lockdown are difficult for us all, and the Young Minds website has plenty of useful advice and strategies for managing mental wellbeing at this time. As well as advice for students there is advice for parents on this website too.

YoungMinds: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/looking-after-yourself/coronavirus-and-mental-health/>

I am pleased to hear of many conversations between students and teachers by email or through Teams and if you haven't yet reached out to your teachers with any questions I would encourage you to do so.

I'm also writing to you about some changes we are making to our remote education provision from Monday 25th January. Myself and others in the Sixth Form Leadership Team have had many conversations with yourselves and as a consequence have made some changes to our timetable which we feel will improve things. We are moving to a timetable with three main lesson slots per day. Each of these slots will be 90 minutes long allowing for an 80 minute lesson and a 10 minute break. This means that each subject you study will now have three of these lesson slots (equivalent to our 4 lessons per subject when we are physically present in the building). I have asked that in the main, lesson packets and the accompanying Direct Instruction videos are uploaded by 9am of the day of the lesson so that you may structure your day accordingly. To begin with there may be some teething issues with this. The timetable given on the next page is a suggested outline for you to follow for the week. As you can see there's will now generally be an assembly on a Wednesday afternoon – this will be live on Microsoft Teams – and a slot for a PSHE / Tutor Time activity. The revision and retrieval slots are for you to use as you see fit to support your learning. Time to watch and complete the weekly feedback video for each subject is also suggested in the final session of the afternoon.

I strongly recommend that you highlight on the timetable when your subjects occur and when the lessons will go live so that you plan accordingly. The deadline for submission of lesson work should be midnight the day after the lesson was set.

In the week commencing Monday 1st February one of the lessons for each of your subjects will be replaced with a live Teams Meeting / Masterclass. If lockdown continues after half term we will look to put these on again.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09:00-10:30	Law Physics Psychology	Further Maths History Biology	Chemistry German Psychology Art	Chemistry German Art	Computer Science English Literature Geography
10:30-12:00	Computer Science Further Maths History Biology	Maths RP & E Sociology	Maths RP & E Sociology	Further Maths History Biology	Chemistry German Art
12:00-13:30	Computer Science English Literature Geography	Law Physics	English Literature Geography	Law Physics Psychology	Maths RP & E Sociology
13:30-14:30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
14:30-15:30	Revision & Retrieval	PSHE	Assembly	Enrichment	Revision & Retrieval
15:30-16:00	<u>Collective Feedback</u> Maths RP&E Sociology	<u>Collective Feedback</u> Chemistry German Art	<u>Collective Feedback</u> Further Maths History Biology	<u>Collective Feedback</u> Computer Science English Literature Geography	<u>Collective Feedback</u> Law Physics Psychology

I understand that further change can sometimes be unsettling, but I firmly believe that for this period of remote education the timetable given above allows us to improve our offering to you and allows you to work to the best of your ability under these unusual circumstances.

It remains vital that you continue to stay on top of your work as best you can and communicate with us if there are any difficulties in doing so,

Any questions or comments please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at my usual email address.

Yours sincerely,



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