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## Year 13 Lockdown Update 2

Dear Parents / carers and students,

Since I last wrote to you Ofqual have published their consultation on the arrangements for awarding grades this year. If you would like to respond to the consultation and provide your views on the proposals please find the details at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021>

As I mentioned in my previous letter 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'm also writing to you about some changes we are making to our remote education provision from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

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

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.

Everything myself and Mr Belshaw have outlined previously concerning how vital it is that you continue to stay on top of your work remains the same.

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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