

5 January 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

I am sorry to have to write to you once again. With the country going into national lockdown from today it is likely that your child will be engaged with remote education for a longer period than we had first thought.

Year 11

It was nice to see you all in assembly this morning. Since I saw you, the government has confirmed this year's GCSE and A Levels have been cancelled. I will write to you later this week with information about how we plan to teach you from next week, but for the remainder of this week it is vital that you continue accessing your Teams lessons and still continue to revise your subjects. This is important because we may decide as a school that we still need to do an element of internal formal assessment to help inform Teacher Assessments later in the year.

Years 7 – 10

The plans that we outlined in yesterday's letter still stand although it looks like you will bring your (remote education) exercise book back later than we thought yesterday.

As always we welcome feedback and this should be addressed directly either to galbraithf@goldington.beds.sch.uk or rossi@goldington.beds.sch.uk. Please remember however that all teachers email addresses are published on our website. <https://www.goldington.beds.sch.uk/about/staff>.

I have re-attached the information regarding how to access Teams lessons. Please encourage your child to check SMHW regularly. If a teacher is unable to teach a lesson for any reason, this will appear on the Noticeboard.

Stay safe and I will write again before the weekend.

Yours sincerely



**Francis Galbraith
Principal**

Remote learning login instructions

Remote teaching will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. Your child will be using the same Office365 account they currently use to access their school emails. To gain access to a remote lesson, your child will need to navigate to the "Useful Links" page of our website (we recommend using Google Chrome for this). They will then need to click on the Office365 link as normal, logging in with:

- Their full email address: 'studentusername'@goldington.beds.sch.uk
- The same password used when logging on to one of our school computers.

On the left hand side they will find a menu and the 3rd icon from the bottom is Microsoft Teams. From there they will simply click the relevant class and join the lesson. The rules and expectations will be outlined at the start of every session. Any logon queries should be directed to 'techsupport@goldington.beds.sch.uk' and any subject / lesson specific queries should go to the appropriate class teacher.