

4 January 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

Happy New Year! Obviously the situation remains fluid with regard to schools and Covid at the start of 2021. I write to you with regard to how we plan (at the moment) to educate your child remotely between Tuesday 5 January and Friday 15 January. It is probably worth reading this letter with the one I sent on 31 December.

Year 11

Your schedule of taught lessons is attached to this letter. You will have some teaching but will also be actively engaging in revision for your important mocks that are scheduled to start on Tuesday 12 January. A newly updated version of the mock exam timetable is available on the school website in the “For Pupils and Parents” Year 11 section.

Years 7 to 10

The vast majority of lessons will be taught by your teacher as per your usual timetable. Please (wherever possible) do your work in the (remote education) exercise book you were given on the final day of last term. You will need to bring this back on Monday 18 January. Please be aware however, that you also need to be checking Show My Homework a number of times a day as further instructions maybe added here. It is also likely you will be being set homework to do in different subject areas.

On Tuesday 5 January lessons will begin at 10.30 am. This will allow us to hold assemblies for all Year Groups between 8.50 am and 10.10 am. The schedule for assemblies tomorrow is as follows:

Year 11	8.50 am
Year 7	9.10 am
Year 8	9.30 am
Year 9	9.50 am
Year 10	10.10 am

You should aim to be logged in 5 minutes before the start of the assembly.

All students need to attend the assemblies and all students need to attend all virtual lessons. We are aware of those students who do not yet have IT access and will be in contact once laptops have been delivered.

A register will be taken every lesson. From Wednesday 6 January all lessons begin at 9.10 am and school will finish at the normal time.

I have attached our expectations for attendance at lessons to this letter.

Please bear with us as we get this large scale project underway. Some of our teachers may be teaching whilst simultaneously looking after their own children. This will be particularly tricky if they are of primary school age. As always we welcome feedback and this should be addressed directly either to galbraithf@goldington.beds.sch.uk or rossj@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>

For your information we will be holding four sessions for parents and pupils on how to help your child study. The times for these are as follows:

Wednesday 13 January	6.00 pm	Year 9	9 parents and pupils
Wednesday 13 January	7.00 pm	Year 10	10 parents and pupils
Wednesday 20 January	6.00 pm	Year 7	7 parents and pupils
Wednesday 13 January	7.00 pm	Year 8	8 parents and pupils

These perhaps feel particularly pertinent at the moment.

Your child should not run out of work! If this happens, please remember that by going to the correct year group tabs on the "For pupils and parents" section of the website you will find a host of resources that your child should be aware of and encouraged access regularly.

Finally, can I ask again that you encourage your child to get enough sleep, exercise everyday and help with household chores. In addition, the watching of good quality TV is essential. If your child did not see "A perfect planet" by David Attenborough last night, this is easily accessed on BBC iPlayer.

I will write with a further update in a few days' time. Many thanks for your combined support of your child and our school. Please remember to keep Covid safe.

Yours sincerely



Mr Galbraith
Principal

There are a number of rules that it is important your child follows when attending a 'virtual' assembly and online lesson. Please be aware that these are a significant school activity and we expect the same standards of behaviour from pupils in an online setting as we would in a classroom. I would be very grateful if you are able to support your child with these.

The rules for attending online 'live' assemblies and lessons are as follows:

1. Parents or pupils must not share the zoom link/Teams links with anyone other than the student who should be accessing the assembly/lesson.
2. Participants must join the assembly/lesson by the start time and remain in the assembly/lesson for its duration.
3. Your child will only be allowed to join the assembly/lesson if they use their full name and form, eg Joe Bloggs 7R.
4. Participants must be visible on screen for the duration of the assembly/lesson.
5. Participants must be appropriately dressed to attend assemblies/lessons. Whilst school uniform is not necessary, participants must ensure they are dressed in an inoffensive and unprovocative manner.
6. Participants must be in an appropriate location to attend the assembly/lesson, this should be somewhere quiet i.e. a bedroom or a dining room table.
7. Participants must not record or take screenshots of the assembly/lesson, the host or of other participants.
8. Participants must give their full attention to the assembly and must not use phones or other devices during the assembly/lesson.
9. Participants must not communicate or share anything with other participants in any way during the assembly/lesson, or take an active part in the assembly in any way unless invited to by the host.
10. If a participant becomes aware of the breaking of these rules, or of any other poor behaviour online from others, they must report this to the host at their earliest convenience.

As you would expect, I will treat any significant breach of these rules very seriously.

Please see the proposed lessons for Year 11 this week. Those highlighted in yellow are the ones that will NOT take place.

	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Tuesday	Options (A)	Options	English	Maths	Science
Wednesday	PE French T&T	Science	English	Geography History	Science
Thursday	Maths	English	Science	Options (B)	Options
Friday	English	Maths	PE Lifeskills French T&T	Lifeskills/PE	Science