

6 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Start of the Spring Term – Years, 7, 8 & 9

I do hope that you and your families are keeping well. I am sure that you will appreciate that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to provide challenges to all of us and we are endeavouring to ensure that we can provide the best learning opportunities for all of our students.

Week 1: Wednesday 6 – Friday 8 January 2021

Students in Years 7, 8 & 9 will remain off school this week, in-line with the guidance from government.

Your son/ward should, however, **utilise this time** to prepare for the start of remote learning next week. This preparation should include ensuring that he can access Microsoft Teams and also involve organising a place at home at which school work can be undertaken.

In addition, there is the opportunity this week for your son/ward to do some additional work and to enjoy reading. Extended learning opportunities can be accessed at:

- [SAM Learning](#) - students could aim to complete one unit of work linked to the current topic in each subject - see the Personal Learning Checklist (PLC); and/or
- [BBC Bitesize](#) - again aim to complete one unit of work linked a current topic: see the PLC on Class NoteBook and/or SharePoint.

Week 2 on: Monday 11 January 2021 to February Half Term

From Monday 11 January all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be required to take part in remote learning **from home**. Please note that this is compulsory for all students and will be monitored by teaching staff.

Students will need to follow the times of the normal timetable, below:

08:30 - 08:40 Registration
08:40 - 09:40 Period 1
09:40 - 10:40 Period 2
10:40 - 11:00 Break
11:00 - 12:00 Period 3
12:00 - 13:00 Period 4
13:00 - 13:30 Lunch
13:30 - 14:30 Period 5
14:30 - 14:50 Study Support

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Students will need to:

- Register in the morning between 08:30 and 08:40 on their form group channel on Microsoft Teams
- Register with their subject teacher at the beginning of each lesson on the relevant subject Teams channel.
- Engaging with the content in each lesson and completing the work set by the teachers, which will include PPE (homework) for certain lessons in the week.
- Uploading all completed work.

Reading for Pleasure

As part of our drive to encourage students to read for pleasure, KS3 students can borrow eBooks from our exciting eBook library catalogue which can be found here: [E-Platform](#). As a reminder, evidence shows that a high level of literacy and regular reading, particularly of fiction, are fundamental to academic success across all subjects. The normal student school password is used to access this site.

Children of Key Workers

If your son/ward needs to be in school on 6-8 January, because you are a **critical worker** and **have to work**, then you will need to complete the survey [here](#) to book a place. If you have not already registered with us as a key worker, then you will be sent details upon receipt of your application.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Students who receive free school meals and will be off school at the start of term, will also receive vouchers. These will be emailed directly to a parent/carer and come from Sodexo, the same company that delivered the vouchers during the lockdown period.

COVID-19 Testing

You can book a test via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. Mobile testing units can be located via this [link](#).

Please continue to inform us of any positive tests. We will be monitoring communications on the school email at school@isleworthsyon.org.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,



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