

22 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Remote Learning Update – Years 10, 11 & Sixth Form

I wish to provide a brief update on remote learning for Key Stage 4 and Sixth Form students.

There has been much in the media about how well students are engaging with learning in the latest lockdown, and what is the best way for teachers to support their learning whilst at home.

In our experience and having trialled a variety of approaches, the most effective and efficient way is to adopt a **blended learning** approach. The teaching staff will continue to provide lessons in a number of different formats for as long as this lockdown lasts. I know that my colleagues are working really hard to adapt and deliver lessons that maintain interest and engagement and keep our students learning.

It is pleasing that engagement for our Year 10, 11 and Sixth Formers is very high. Our students are following the school timetable and proactively taking part in the lessons. Thank you for supporting this from home. It is now really important to ensure that all student work is uploaded so that the staff can properly monitor academic progress.

We ask you to continue to support home learning as well as you can by providing a place for your son/daughter/ward to do their work; ensuring that they are ready for learning and online at the normal lesson time, and continually asking them to upload completed work.

Student guidance for remote learning can be found [here](#). Students may also watch a short video showing how they can attend and be active learners within live lessons on Microsoft Teams on the link [here](#).

### Reading for Pleasure

As a reminder, students can borrow eBooks from our exciting eBook library catalogue which can be found here: [E-Platform](#). The 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.

I wish you well and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



**Euan Ferguson**  
Headteacher