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**ALL YEAR 8 PARENTS/CARERS**

Dear Parent/Carer

**Year 8 Blended Learning**

We appreciate how difficult the last few months have been for all of our Year 8 students, especially now, with things changing almost on a daily basis. However, we would like to assure you that the safety and continued education of our students is our number one priority. To this effect we have laid out some plans for the coming weeks and beyond. To begin with, Mr Dixon will be delivering an assembly to all Year 8 students – your child will receive an email link to this later this afternoon. You will also receive a Curriculum Overview Plan, which outlines the topics each subject will be delivering in the coming fortnight. You will receive this information on a regular basis.

**From Tuesday 5 January 2021 all students are being taught virtually via Go4Schools and this will include live lessons via Microsoft Teams.**

It is imperative that students return to learning as soon as possible and therefore we are asking for them to follow their normal school timetable; complete any work set on Go4Schools and attend any scheduled live lessons. From next week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday this will include tutor time, beginning at 8.40am (students will receive MS Teams invites for this). This will help to provide structure to their day, as well as ensuring they do not fall behind in their learning.

You will also shortly be receiving a 'Parent/Carer Guide to Remote Learning' which will explain what you might see/hear when your child takes part in any remote education.

It is important that all students check their emails regularly in the coming days. They should already have received an email from their Form Tutor to check that all is well. Please ensure they have responded to this so we can be aware of any difficulties that they may be experiencing. All activities, including the live lessons can be accessed via a mobile phone as well as a computer and there is no expectation to print out work. We have, once again, attached guidance on how your child can access their online learning, should they be unsure or have forgotten passwords. If, at any stage your child is unsure of a task they should contact their subject teacher via email. We will be monitoring completion of work set and attendance of these lessons to ensure that students do not fall behind in their studies.

As a school we are trying to do all we can to support our 8 students and know that as parents/carers you are doing the same. You will shortly be given information about the upcoming Parents' Consultation Evening (28 January 2021) which will be run virtually. We will also be releasing Year 8 Reports on Go4Schools on 20 January 2021.

We are all finding ourselves striving to adapt to each new challenge in the best way possible. I would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward, as we all do, to things returning back to 'normal' in the near future.

Yours sincerely

*C Barrett*

**Miss Barrett**  
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