



Update from the Principal, Mo Nisbet.

Longley Park
SIXTH FORM



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are keeping safe and well.

I am writing to give you further information regarding the Sixth Form provision over the next half term. As you will be aware, the current National lockdown has meant that all schools and Colleges are closed to most students until at least February half term. Up until 19 January we are running external examinations for those students who choose to take them.

Students working with our Student Support and well being teams are being invited in to the Sixth form to meet 1-1 with their keyworkers for support. In some cases students may be able to access their Remote Learning in the Sixth Form so that they can get extra help with their work.

Students who do not have IT access at home and do not yet have a Sixth Form device to use are being invited in to use the Sixth Form IT resources twice a week. Students who are on the waiting list for a device should have received a text offering them appointments to come into the building.

From Monday 18 January we will be looking at how we can get more students into the building for part of the week.

All other delivery will be Remote Learning. Teachers will deliver a series of livestreamed lessons each week, supplemented with information, tasks and resources on Google classrooms with whole or small group feedback and support sessions.

Expectations for Remote Learning

All Students should aim to follow their timetable as it currently is on CEDAR, attending online lessons and completing remote learning tasks.

This is **all lessons** on the timetable, including those marked RL and those marked with a classroom.

Lessons will be live streamed by the teacher indicated on the timetable.

It is vitally important that students engage fully with their learning. Attendance at lessons will be recorded and our normal concern and commendation point system in place in order to effectively monitor student progress.

We understand that things are extremely difficult at the moment and that learning online is very different from being in the classroom. We therefore need to work together to ensure live lessons are positive and support all students to make progress.

To support this it is essential that all students behave appropriately in live sessions and follow the same classroom/ sixth form expectations as always. When joining online sessions we ask that students stick to the following:

- Remain muted - raise your hand or use the chat function if you wish to contribute or ask a question
- DO NOT share the session link or password with other students outside of your class - if a student has shared the link this can result in disciplinary action for all involved and a potential fixed-term exclusion
- Be respectful to peers and teachers
- Always use appropriate language and consider your peers and teacher

Engage with the work/ lesson as best you can to support your progress

Extra help

We know that working remotely is different to being in the classroom and that there may be many challenges in supporting young people to access learning. If any student has any difficulty in accessing online lessons, please inform their academic tutor and we will do our best to support them.

The Academic Tutor team will continue to contact students to support wellbeing, discuss progress and explore any barriers to learning.

We recognise that this is a challenging time for us all and we want to do all we can to support our students to keep learning, keep safe and keep well. We will continue to follow national guidance and hope that we can welcome more students back to the Sixth Form soon.

Kindest Regards

Mo Nisbet