

## Home Learning Arrangements

Our home learning provision for is as follows:

All lessons will be live on Microsoft Teams. This can be accessed in the usual way via Microsoft Teams.

Your son/daughter should enter his/her password (the same as their school email password) to access the application. The live lessons will follow the students' usual timetable at exactly the same times including Form (registration) time. The students should click on join at the beginning of each lesson and they will then be admitted to the lesson.

Teachers will attach any work and resources for the students (and usually the lesson plan on PowerPoint) on their relevant class Team area and students should complete the work independently. Lessons are additionally recorded so that the students can revisit them – an unexpected bonus is that lots of the exam students have found these useful as revision podcasts after the lesson. If your child or you have any questions about the work, please contact the class teacher directly.

If you have any queries about home learning, please feel free to contact Mr Nicol [a.nicol@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:a.nicol@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)

### Where we're at:

- At the moment it looks as if students will not be returning to school until at least February
- Some form of restrictions may continue beyond this and education may not return to normal until the summer term or beyond.
- The government are focusing on getting the vulnerable members of society vaccinated so that we can start moving back towards 'normal' life.
- The summer exams have been cancelled for all Year 11 and 13 students; they are to be replaced by teacher assessments. The government issued a consultation for students, parents and teachers which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-how-gcse-as-and-a-level-grades-should-be-awarded-in-summer-2021> and <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-alternative-arrangements-for-the-award-of-vtqs-and-other-general-qualifications-in-2021> but we might not know until Easter what is required of us or of these students.

### Moving forwards:

- We will continue to focus on quality input with live teaching on Teams.
- We will continue to progress through the curriculum making decisions on what content is best to deliver remotely on a subject by subject basis.
- We will be providing regular meaningful feedback to all students.
- We will provide an average of 5 hours of remote learning each day for all KS3&4 students (slightly more will be expected of our Year 12 and 13 students)

### What is expected of my child?

We expect all students to:

- Login to form time and assemblies each morning at 8.30am

- Engage with the work set for them each week and to upload their work as directed, meeting the deadlines set by the subject teachers.
- Try their hardest to complete their work to the best of their ability, making sure that where they are provided with answers, that they mark their own work.
- Let their normal class teacher know if there is any reason at all that they cannot meet any deadlines

**What do hope parents will do?**

- Stay positive and encourage your child through praise and reward.
- Ensure they are set up for each day and that they know what they need to do and when.
- Check in with them later in the day and ask them to share something they are particularly proud of from the time they have spent working in the morning; let them talk you through it whilst you listen and ask questions.
- Give your child at least 10 minutes of undivided attention each day; a time where there is no technology around, no mobile phones, a time to talk or just to walk it doesn't matter; time spent with you where they know you aren't rushing to do something else is unmeasurable in its value.

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

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