

14th April 2020

To: Year 11 Students, Parents and Carers

Dear Student and Parent/Carer

To mitigate as much educational disruption as we can during these unprecedented times we are developing our 'Year 11 into Year 12 Sixth Form Transition Programme' so that it will occur online.

We expect all year 11 courses will have finished their content delivery by the 30th April and for subjects that are complete, extended reading tasks will be available via year 11 subject classrooms or the new virtual sixth form classrooms to support continued learning.

We have created a virtual year group in Google Classroom and we expect any student who is considering attending West Lakes Academy sixth form to join this. It is called 'STEP into year 12' (Join code 2lrvvc6). This will be used to communicate important information about WLA sixth form, how timetables will be set up, dress code, sixth form transport and how to be the best sixth form student you can be. It will also be used to answer any other questions or queries that students may have

To support your transition to your year 12 option subjects we have set up a series of virtual classrooms for subjects.

You are expected to join at least **four** full subjects and also any relevant other option (L3 maths or AS level maths for scientists) using the Google Classroom join codes below. You can join more if you would like. We would recommend you join five so that you have a broad experience of the subjects you may want to follow.

Please remember to join these classes you will need to use your WLA Google log in details.

During the first week when we return to normal education or start of term in September (which ever happens latest) we will meet with every student to confirm your final three (or in exceptional circumstances four) subjects you will take forward and commence sixth form with.

It is important to realise that even though you have not completed GCSE exams your centre assessed grades will still be used to review the entry requirements for each subject along with other factors.

So that we can ensure that you are following the correct courses that will enable you to achieve the best possible outcomes at the end of sixth form, and to support you and our decision making process, we will be following an extended version of our normal 'First Three Weeks' review. This is made up of a grade for:

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- STEP task and any transition work set in the Google Classroom
- Attitudes to learning and approaches to wider reading
- Formative suitability assessment. This will be an assessment or test linked to any work already completed and comparable to A level/BTEC levels of required difficulty.

This process will run over the next term and then all formative suitability assessments will occur within the fourth week of our return to normal education.

We will then meet with every student to review their course selection, outcomes of the assessment process and their aspirations and future plans.

For any student who is NOT considering joining West Lakes Academy sixth form we will continue to post useful information related to mental health, wellbeing and careers guidance in your year 11 classroom to support transition to the next phase of their education. Please use this area for further support.

If you would like any further help or support with this process please don't hesitate to contact me on simpsonbk@westlakesmat.org.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Simpson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barry Simpson
Vice Principal



Sixth Form Google Classrooms and Join Codes

(Please remember if you are taking a double BTEC subject you must also join the single BTEC subject.)

Subject Classroom	Join Code
STEP into Year 12 Health and Social Care Single	blt7kqp
STEP into Year 12 Health and Social Care Double	oya2bam
STEP into Year 12 BTEC I.T	b67sixp
STEP into Year 12 BTEC Single Business	amgylgv
STEP into Year 12 BTEC Double Business	kxecyzt
STEP into Yr12 Applied Science	c3v6wjj
STEP into Yr12 Forensic science (You must also take Applied Science)	jhhxoig
STEP into Year 12 BTEC Sport	kbnrvso
STEP into 'Year 12' Performing Arts	e6jbvrq
STEP into Y12 Media Studies	uqnrypa
STEP into Y12 English Literature	m7uafv7
STEP into Y12 English Language	yyfg2hx
STEP into Year 12 Chemistry	hycmjwd
STEP into Yr12 Biology	jaagltt
STEP into Year 12 Physics	n4lkrzh
STEP into Y.12 A Level Maths	r5haamb
STEP into Y.12 Further Maths	b2dpn3h
STEP into Y.12 L3 Mathematics	iojec2f
STEP in Yr.12 AS Level Maths for Scientists (RR)	d47ek5x
STEP into Year 12 Sociology	o227cud
STEP into Yr. 12 History	s53oy3a
STEP into Yr. 12 Geography	ta2wmo4
STEP into Yr12 Product Design	qgkq375
STEP in year 12 Art, Craft & Design	tzxrd4a
STEP into year 12 Fine Art	ywchoie
STEP into Year 12 Spanish	alarj6z