

12th June 2020

To: Parents and Carers of Year 10

Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you for your ongoing support with home learning and for your support as we move towards being able to provide some face-to-face support for students.

From 15th June, the academy will start to broadcast some live lessons to Year 10 students. The schedule for these lessons will be as follows:

Subject	Day of the week	For which students?	Start time
English	Every week day	All Y10	9.00 am
Science	Tuesday – Friday every week (except Thurs 2 nd July & Friday 3 rd July)	Some lessons will be aimed at higher tier students, some at foundation. Science teachers will let their classes know which lessons are relevant to them in advance.	11.30 am

We hope to start offering live lessons in other subject areas over the coming weeks.

How will students access live lessons?

Students in the academy at the time of live lessons will either be in a room with the teacher delivering the lesson, or will have it broadcast to the interactive whiteboard in their pod room.

Students at home can access the lessons live via a link shared in their Google Classroom or watch a recorded version of the lesson later on YouTube (again, the link for this will be shared in the Google Classroom).

Students taking part in live lessons in the academy or at home will be able to pose questions and join in discussions with the teacher and other students during the lesson.

Why are we providing live lessons?

We know from research evidence that students tend to be more motivated to learn when they are able to interact socially with their teachers and peers. We hope that by offering some live lessons we are able to increase the social interaction for students and make learning more engaging and enjoyable for them.

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Lessons are most effective when they are shaped to match students' learning needs. Receiving feedback from students 'live' as a lesson progresses will make it easier for our teachers to assess students' understanding as a lesson progresses and adapt their teaching to suit.

Are there any other changes?

In order to accommodate the change to live teaching and prevent duplication of content for students, from Monday 15th June, English learning blocks will be released on a Monday every week (and not on a Thursday as in the current rota). On Thursday 11th June, students will receive a shortened learning block to help prepare them for the start of live teaching on Monday 15th. All learning blocks for other subjects will continue to be set as on the rota shared at the start of this half term.

We hope that you agree that offering live lessons is an enhancement to the online teaching and learning we're already able to offer, and that you will encourage your child to take an active part in all lessons relevant to them.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,



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