

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear parents of students in years 7, 8 and 9

## **Years 7, 8 and 9 curriculum changes during 'lockdown'.**

I hope this letter finds you well. Thank you for all your support and encouragement to keep your child engaged in their learning at the start of this lockdown period. You've made a great start.

During our period of remote learning, there will be seven elements to our timetable each day. There will be five subject lessons per day, one live form time and one new element called 'Creative Live'.

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January we are introducing a revised timetable to ensure we can provide an improved and more engaging learning offer that caters for our students' needs. The subjects for each day are shown on the second page of this letter. These lessons will be posted on *Satchel One* at the start of each day by your child's teacher.

In addition, students must attend Form Tutor time remotely each day at 12.45pm. It is essential that students attend this session to hear important messages, connect with their peer group and to ensure that the teacher has daily contact. This connection helps to overcome the real risk of feeling isolated during the lockdown period. Students who do not attend will have their parent contacted by phone by the tutor.

We will not be expecting students to complete homework in Years 7, 8 and 9 during this lockdown period, but when they are back in school we will reinstate this expectation.

From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January we will be introducing live teaching in our Key Stage 3 curriculum. Students will be taught at least one core subject as a 'live' lesson each week. In addition, at 1.10 pm each day students will select a **live teaching session** from a suite of creative subjects – we are going to call this '**Creative Live**'.

I will write to you to explain the details of our live teaching programme next week. This is an exciting addition to our curriculum offer which we think students will really enjoy. It will look and feel different to a typical subject lesson and be more focused on engaging activities and experiences in a range of subjects.

For those students in Year 9, from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January they will be moving on in their Technology options.

- Those currently studying Design Technology will move to Food Technology.
- Those currently studying Food Technology will move to Photography.
- Those currently studying Photography will move to Design Technology.

Students will be told which Technology option they will be moving to, during their lessons in the coming week.

Please read the next page that outlines the timetable for next week and share this with your child as it will start from Monday morning. Please continue to stay safe and keep in touch.

Yours faithfully,

**Kieran Larkin**  
Headteacher

## **CARING, LEARNING AND SUCCEEDING**

**Timetable for Years 7, 8 and 9 from Monday 11 January**

<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Subject 1	Geography	English	English	Science	Maths
Subject 2	Maths	Science	Geography	History	MFL
Subject 3	English	Science	Maths	Computing	Science
Subject 4	History	MFL	RS	PHSE	English
Subject 5	Technology	Art	PE	Music	Drama

<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Subject 1	English	Science	English	Science	Maths
Subject 2	Maths	Maths	Maths	English	English
Subject 3	Geography	Geography	MFL	History	MFL
Subject 4	Science	History	Computing	PHSE	RS
Subject 5	Drama	Music	PE	Technology	Art

<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Subject 1	English	Maths	English	Maths	History
Subject 2	Maths	Computing	History	MFL	English
Subject 3	Science	MFL	Geography	Science	Maths
Subject 4	RS	English	Science	RS	Geography
Subject 5	PE	Drama	Music	Art	Technology