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Dear parents and carers

Weekly update on Year 11 matters.

I hope my letter finds you well. This letter provides an update on a few areas ahead of a more detailed update next Friday following the completion of all the year group webinars for students and parents.

Live lessons:

Our remote learning model has four elements to it: recorded lessons, live lessons, live daily form time and the acknowledgment and feedback on work completed by students. This blended learning approach has many advantages balancing the strengths of 'in the moment' interactions through live lessons and form time with the ability for a student to work at their own pace through a recorded lesson, including pausing and revisiting teachers' explanations not possible in a live lesson. **Live lessons are an essential and compulsory part of our remote learning model.** You can find the live lesson timetable for Year 11 at the end of this letter.

Compulsory daily form time:

Please make sure your child joins the daily form time at 12.45pm each day. This is a chance for your child to interact remotely with their peer group and is our safeguarding check.

Parents' evening for all year groups:

In my last letter I mentioned that we would be holding a remote parents' evening on Monday 8 February between 3.00 and 6.00 pm. To register for this you will need to book a slot in advance. There will be a five-minute appointment with either your child's form tutor, head of year or a member of the senior leadership team. The focus will be a balance of pastoral and engagement with lockdown learning. To make an appointment you will need to access our *Parents' Evening Booking System* found here: <https://lowtonchurchofengland.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. To access the system, you will need to provide the following information: parent first name and surname, student first name and surname, student date of birth (entry of your email address is optional). These details must match the information given to school. **The booking system will be open for bookings from 6.00 am Wednesday 27 January and will close at 9.00 am on Monday 8 February.** To get the slot that best works for you book well ahead of the deadline.

Reports to parents:

To receive the next report for your child during week starting Monday 1 February you will need to have signed up to *SIMS Parent* app. If you have any further questions about how to sign up to the SIMS parent app, please contact the school reception in the first instance.

Year 11 Graded Assessments:

We will start implementing our approach to graded assessments from Monday 25 January. This will help us ensure that an accurate and long term view of performance in each exam subject to help inform the final teacher assessed grade that we will submit to the exam board. Students will be aware through Satchel:One of when a graded assessment will be done in a subject. They will typically take 30-45 minutes to complete.

I will write again next Friday. Please follow us on our Facebook page where you will see much more.

Take care. Stay safe. Keep engaged with us.

Yours faithfully,

Kieran Larkin
Headteacher

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Live Lesson Timetable						
Year	Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	There are no live lessons during Period 1					
11	2	Science		Options 11b		
	3					
	4	Options 11c		Maths 11x		Maths 11y
				English 11y		English 11x
	5		Options 11a		Options 11d	
	6		Food Tech 11a			