

Lowton Church of England High School



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Dear parents and carers

Weekly update for years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

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.

Year 7 Lockdown Learning Webinar:

We have had over four hundred registrations for webinars so far which shows really great engagement from you and students during this lockdown period. Thank you to those that have engaged so constructively. There is one more to go, which is for Year 7 parents and students on **Tuesday 26 January at 6.00 pm.** To register for it please click on this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6bKKaX-IT4ale5legwShLw

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 each year group at the end of this letter.

Creative Live:

We have been thrilled with the engagement in *Creative Live* sessions for Years 7, 8 and 9. These are daily remote extra-curricular sessions, not directly linked to curriculum content, but providing an engaging middle part of the day straight after form time. We have had art, fitness, cooking, music, photography, spoken languages and practical technology this week. The timetable is added to the end of this letter. Please encourage your child in years 7, 8 and 9 to join these sessions at 1.20pm each day.

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.

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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.

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

Live Lesson Timetable: These lessons are compulsory.						
Year	Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
There are no live lessons during Period 1						
7	2		English 7b		Science 7c2	
	3		Science NOT 7c2	Maths		
	4	English 7a. 7c				
	5					
	6					
8	2			Maths 8b. 8c		
	3	Science 8c	Maths 8a			English
	4	Science 8a. 8b				
	5					
	6					
9	2	Maths				English
	3					
	4			Science		
	5					
	6					
10	2	English	RS 10x		Biology 10c	Options 10c
	3	RS 10y	Options 10b	Science	Options 10a	Maths
	4		PE 10b			
	5					
	6					
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			

Please see the next two pages for details on *Creative Live* lessons for years 7, 8 and 9 only

Creative Live Lesson Timetable.

These lessons are optional but please encourage your child to get involved.

- Creative Live sessions will take place between 1:20pm and 1:50 pm each day.
- Students decide between one of two options and log on to the Teams Meeting to join the session.
- The link to the meetings will be posted as a notice on Satchel:One.
- These sessions are fun and engaging, allow students to participate in our creative curriculum.

This is the standard weekly timetable but we have included the full details of the lessons for *next week* to show in detail the type of activities that are taking place.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
OPTION 1	ART Mrs Sutherland	TECH Mrs Miller	Photography Mrs Sutherland	Music Mr Smith	Spanish Mrs Mellor
OPTION 2	STEM Mr Graham	French Mrs Cooper	STEM Mr McGuinness	PE Mr Wilson	PE Mr Wilson OR Miss Hill (Option 3)

Option 1 Details

Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th
<p>Art Mrs Sutherland Sculpture - in this session you will be creating sculptures based on the human form and your face!</p>	<p>Technology Mrs Miller Want to make your favourite character from a combination of nutritious food and delicious treats? If so, log in to the technology creative live where we will be creating an edible piece of art!</p>	<p>Photography Mrs Sutherland Macro & Zoom - you will be exploring close up functions and creating abstract photographs.</p>	<p>Music Mr Smith Join us again to learn and perform another piece of music and jam along live! All pupils and all instruments and singers welcome!</p>	<p>Spanish Mrs Mellor We will be predicting the future by making paper fortune tellers! There will be points for the best ones - so get creative with your pictures and ideas</p>
<p>What will I need to have ready? Tin foil</p>	<p>What will I need to have ready? You will need fruit such as - bananas, strawberries, apples, blueberries, raspberries, raisins... Tasty treats such as - chocolate chips, mini marshmallows, sweets, biscuits... Look at the PowerPoint that will be posted on Satchel before this creative live as it will give you some ideas and the time to plan and think about which ingredients will work best for your edible character design.</p>	<p>What will I need to have ready? Camera (camera phone), an interesting shoe. E.g trainer, football boot, walking boot</p>	<p>What will I need to have ready? You'll need an instrument; guitar, keyboard/piano, ukulele, bass, drum kit, your voice or anything else! You can also get involved with your phone or tablet but please download a keyboard, drum or guitar app so you can play along.</p>	<p>What will I need to have ready? A sheet of paper and colours.</p>

Option 2 Details

Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th
<p>STEM Mr Graham Making Lava Lamps! We will be making two different colourful 'blobby' chemical wonders and seeing which is the best.</p>	<p>French Mrs Cooper We will be predicting the future by making paper fortune tellers! There will be points for the best ones - so get creative with your pictures and ideas</p>	<p>STEM Mr McQuinness Harry Potter Science - Week 2 - Potions Class Join us on Wednesday for our Harry Potter themed potions class with Professor Snape.... I mean Mr McQuinness (got a little carried away there). We will be making our own indicator solution from red cabbage that will change colour depending on if it is mixed with an acid or alkali. We can then also use the potion to create our very own Marauders map</p>	<p>PE Mr Wilson Fun Crossfit fitness - can you overcome a pyramid and win at fitness cards?</p>	<p>PE Mr Wilson Running club - How far can you get? Can you top our leader boards by running further than anyone else in 12 minutes Miss Hill: Aerobics (Option 3)</p>
<p>What will I need to have ready? You will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -2 x jar or glass - Vegetable oil - Food colouring (two colours if possible) - Water - Alka-Seltzer tablets - Baking Soda - Vinegar (White Vinegar preferably) 	<p>What will I need to have ready? A sheet of paper and colours.</p>	<p>What will I need to have ready? You will need:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some red cabbage 2. A kettle for boiling water (and adult supervision if you are not normally allowed to use the kettle on your own) 3. A sieve, colander or old t shirt to filter out the cabbage (this is not essential) 4. Some glasses and mugs 5. Some household substances to test (Anything that you can dissolve or is already a liquid will do but good ones include; washing powder, washing up liquid, mouthwash, lemon juice, Apple juice, cola) 	<p>What will I need to have ready? Suitable sports kit and water</p>	<p>What will I need to have ready? Mr Wilson: Suitable sports kit and water and a watch/app that can log distances/times ran for the running club. Miss Hill: Sports kit (Option 3)</p>