

31<sup>st</sup> December 2020



Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 Students

*The best from everyone, all of the time.*

I hope this update finds you and your family well and that you have all managed to have a good break over the past couple of days. I am writing to update you on the provision for our year 11 students over the coming two weeks.

Following the government announcement last night, year 11 students will not return to school until the Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.

Given that our mock examinations were due to begin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January we have made the following arrangements for our year 11s:

- Mock examinations will now take place, in person, in the exam halls and classrooms during the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> January. Mr Hall will be in touch with a new timetable as soon as possible, early next week.
- External examinations in IMedia and Child Development scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> January and 13<sup>th</sup> January respectively will take place as planned.
- There will be a reduction in the number of mock examinations our students will sit in examination conditions. As a result, the mock examination window will only last one week from the 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January. Subjects where all of the students are entered will be prioritised. Subject leaders in subjects where not all of the students are entered e.g. Design/Technology will ensure that students have access to their mock papers for practice and learning in their curriculum delivery following the examination week. These will also be marked by teachers and used to gain insight of students strengths and areas for development
- Year 11 students are expected to undertake remote learning through TEAMS at home from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and throughout the week. They are expected to register with their tutor TEAM by 9.05am each day. They are expected to participate appropriately in the learning and revision opportunities which will be provided by their teachers in their normal timetable slots. Further details for parents and technical guidance, if needed, will follow on Monday. There will be no remote provision for core PE lessons.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January will be an INSET day. No remote lessons will take place for students and no work will be set on this day. All staff will be undertaking further training in providing remote education and preparing for the rollout of testing.
- **However**, we ask that **all** year 11 students log in to their **TEAMS tutor group by 9.30am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Those students who normally work with Mrs Peace or Miss Killick during tutor time should log into these groups. We ask for your support, parents and carers, in ensuring that your child gets in touch through TEAMS by this time. This is a well being and safeguarding check and will provide your son/ daughter with an opportunity to raise any concerns he/ she may have regarding remote learning, mock examinations etc which we can then work to resolve during Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Tutors will be following up if they have no communication from their tutees via TEAMS by 9.30am on Monday.
- We will provide further updates regarding testing procedures and processes, when they have been finalised during the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> January and before your child returns on 11<sup>th</sup> January.

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We understand and appreciate that this is a very stressful time for everyone and particularly for our year 11 students, as plans seem to continually change. We have made these arrangements to try to give a degree of certainty as to what will happen over the next two weeks. We also want to ensure that our year 11s, many of whom we know, through their activity on TEAMS, have been working very hard over the holiday period, have an opportunity to experience mock examinations and find out where their strengths are and what they still need to work on, so that they are able to make positive plans for their future.

I thank you, parents and carers, for your continued support and understanding. We will be in touch again early next week with further details. If you have any questions or queries please contact [office@lighthall.co.uk](mailto:office@lighthall.co.uk). Please be aware, that we will be unlikely to be able to respond before midday on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The link to our website, where there are comprehensive instructions to all our remote learning guidance and tutorials, can found here: <https://www.lighthall.co.uk/remote-learning/>

I wish you all a very Happy New Year and a peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely

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