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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you of our plans for remote learning from January 2021. We are constantly reviewing our procedures and resourcing for the delivery of remote learning and have therefore made some adjustments to how this will be set in the coming days and weeks. This includes the introduction of live lessons and tutor times. We hope that the remote learning taking place in this period will best support your child and allow them to progress, even in these challenging times. A reminder of when remote learning will commence is below:

Year group	Date remote learning commences	Date of return to school
Year 11 and Year 13	Tuesday 5 th January	Monday 11 th January
Year 12	Tuesday 5 th January	Monday 18 th January
Year 9	Wednesday 6 th January	Monday 18 th January
Year 10	Thursday 7 th January	Monday 18 th January
Year 7 and Year 8	Monday 11 th January	Monday 18 th January

From the above dates, remote learning will be delivered in the following way:

1. Continued use of epraise

We will continue to update epraise daily with resources and links to live lessons, as per your child's usual timetable. All resources and links for the day will be uploaded by 8.30am. For live lessons, a link will be placed on epraise within the task description.

2. Introduction of Live Lessons

All students will now receive Live Lessons via Microsoft Teams in all subjects. At least 1 in every 3 lessons will be taught live for students to attend online, an approach shared by all secondary schools in the Abingdon Learning Trust. The live lessons will focus on delivery of new content, modelling of best working and feedback on any student work. Non-live lessons will offer students resources and support to consolidate their learning and complete tasks in preparation for further live lessons.

The link will take them straight to Microsoft Teams where they can either use the web version or download the desktop or mobile phone app. The live lessons can be viewed on laptops, computers, and smart phones, though students should use a laptop or desktop computer where possible to allow for full participation.

We will be using the 'Live event' function which allows students to watch and participate via the Question and Answer function. Students will need to join using their school email address. A reminder of this is below.

Live lessons will take place at the usual lesson time and day, as per their timetable. All non-live lessons will be set by 8.30am each morning to allow students to work in a flexible way if needed.

3. Tutor time

We will also be running daily live tutor times at 8.40am each day, commencing as per the table at the top of the letter. This will be a chance for tutors to check in and deliver any important messages. We would encourage all students to attend this.

In the usual afternoon tutor time session, from 2.00-2.15pm, tutors will use this time to make phone calls to their tutees on a rolling basis and to check in on welfare and support with any access issues.

4. Submitting work

Students should complete all work on paper or on their computer and should bring this in upon their return to school. Some work will be set to be submitted online via epraise or email, instructions for which will be outlined by the teacher. If remote learning needs to continue for a longer period than currently assigned, we will be asking for work to be submitted remotely, details of which will follow.

Missed live lessons

If your child is unable to attend a Live Lesson, a recording of the lesson will be available for them to watch shortly after the lesson has finished. All recordings will be available via SharePoint, a link for which will be shared later this week. We would advise all students to attend lessons live where possible as this will allow them to interact with the teacher through the Q&A function and gain feedback.

Logging in

Over the course of this week we will be sharing support materials and instructional videos to support your child in accessing live lessons, all of which will be shared on epraise.

As explained above, your child will need their school email address to access work and live lessons. This will take the following format:

username@student.fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk

Please note their username is the same that they use to log in to school computers and epraise itself. If you need further assistance, please contact the school office.

IT support

If your child encounters any problems with accessing the online resources, or if you do not have computer or internet access at home please contact the office at

office.4127@fitzharrys.oxon.sch.uk



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Additional resources prior to remote learning

For those students whose remote lessons do not begin until later in the week/term we will be providing optional resources that can be completed during the first days/week of term. These high-quality resources come from the Oak National Academy and our Fitzharrys staff and are set to enhance learning in line with what will be taught in forthcoming remote lessons. Please encourage your child to complete these in the days prior to the commencement of Remote Learning (as outlined at the start of my letter). This is particularly relevant for Years 7 and 8, whose lessons do not begin until 11th January, and Year 10 who continue with important GCSE study.

Resources can be found on the school website on our new 'Remote Learning' page, along with help and how to guides relating to online learning.

We thank you for your patience and support during these challenging times and will endeavour to support your child in any way we can during this period of remote learning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or your child's form tutor.

Yours sincerely,



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