

A Student Guide

We have now become familiar with remote and blended learning. You are becoming resilient and independent learners, who are ready and able to make genuine progress. Where there is any live lesson content, this will be held via Microsoft Teams. Here are some tips for maximising your success whilst you are working remotely.

How you learn remotely

Your teachers will plan remote learning to ensure you make progress. They think about:

- ✓ what you will learn
- ✓ how you will best learn it
- ✓ the order and sequence you will learn it in to make the most progress

Your teachers will try to keep your learning as true and authentic as possible. Teachers will be planning sequences of learning. Teachers plan to build progress over time. They will consider:

- ✓ what you need to know first
- ✓ the unique features of their subject
- ✓ the structure and support you need that will make you become an expert in their subject

What will your lessons look like?

In the same way the format of every lesson in school is different, the format of remote lessons will be varied according to how you will learn best and make the most progress. This means some lessons may include a live element, some lessons may be pre-recorded, some may include a powerpoint, some lessons may include independent research. Whatever the format, these features will be true of every lesson:

- ✓ not every lesson will be live, but every lesson will require you to think and your active participation
- ✓ instructions will be clear and concise
- ✓ resources will be designed to make you self-sufficient
- ✓ "Pause points" will be planned for: time will be given for you to consolidate your learning
- ✓ teachers will be specific about the required outcomes from their lessons
- ✓ you might be asked to: read something, watch something, listen to something, prepare something, research something...

To maximise your success we recommend:

- ✓ you find a quiet space to work
- ✓ you get into routine
- ✓ make sure you have checked if any of your lessons are 'live' as this might affect your routine
- ✓ follow your teacher's instructions carefully; they have planned so this should be easy
- ✓ use the full lesson time to complete tasks

Communicate with your teachers

It's really important to maintain a positive relationship with your teachers. You can do this by:

- ✓ messages on itslearning
- ✓ e-mail
- ✓ during a live lesson experience in Microsoft Teams you could engage with the chat facility or 'put up your hand'
- ✓ teachers will be delighted to hear from you, but do remember to try to keep contact between 8 – 5pm. A teacher may not be able to reply immediately (they may be teaching), but they will get back to you as soon as possible.

Troubleshooting

Have a growth mind-set (can you work it out?) If not:

- ✓ look for resources on itslearning
- ✓ look on the internet
- ✓ message your teacher, tutor, mentor, Head of Year, Chaplaincy Assistant
- ✓ contact Mrs Richardson, via the Maths Help Desk on itslearning for support with Mathematics
- ✓ call a friend in the same class
- ✓ break down the task or learning into manageable chunks
- ✓ leave the work and return to it with fresh eyes the next day