

5th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Round-Up for Parents

As we approach the last week of this half term, I want to take the opportunity to say how incredibly proud I am of the way in which our students have embraced their remote learning and have remained in touch with us, letting us know what challenges they are facing and also sharing when things are going well. Some of the amazing work I have seen is fantastic. Thank you to you for all of the support and encouragement you have been providing in the most difficult of times, we really do appreciate it.

I am still ever hopeful that we will be able to open more fully from the 8th of March, but of course we are waiting for government confirmation of this. I will be in touch and confirm the arrangements, as soon as I know more.

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Remote Learning

W/C 8th February 2021 (Week B)

We have had yet another amazing week of really successful remote learning. This week, we would ask that students do take the time to go back over the work they have submitted and read and action the feedback from their teachers.

We hope that our live lesson schedule proved useful and we are currently working hard to get some live teaching into Year 8 English lessons and hope to have this in place after half-term, thank you for your patience. Please see below the schedule of live lessons for next week:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Art	Pre-recorded lesson with live support	Pre-recorded lesson with live support	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
Catering	Set task with live support	Set task with live support	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
Computer Science	Pre-recorded lesson with live support 7x - A Tue 1 7y - B Mon 1 All other lessons are now Maths lessons	Pre-recorded lesson with live support	All live lessons	The 'double lesson' is live	All live lessons
Dance	N/A	N/A	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons



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	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Drama	Pre-recorded lesson with live support	Pre-recorded lesson with live support	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
English	Wednesday P1: 7x2, 7x3, 7x4 Wednesday P2: 7x1, 7y1 Wednesday P3: 7y2, 7y3, 7y4 All other lessons are pre-recorded with live support	Pre-recorded lesson with live support	Friday P2: 9x1, 9x3, 9y1, 9y3, 9y4 Friday P3: 9y2 Fri P5: 9x2, 9x4 All other lessons are pre-recorded with live support	All live lessons	All live lessons
French	1st lesson of the week is live and the 2nd lesson is a set task with live support	1st lesson of the week is live and the 2nd lesson is a set task with live support	1st lesson of the week is live and the 2nd lesson is a set task with live support	All live lessons	All live lessons
Geography	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
History	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
PHSE	Online Task	Online Task	N/A	Online Task	Online Task
iMedia	N/A	N/A	Set task with live support	Set task with live support (single lessons) Live lesson (double lessons)	All live lessons
Maths	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
Music	Pre-recorded lesson with live support	Pre-recorded lesson with live support	Pre-recorded lesson with live support	All live lessons	All live lessons
PE Core*	Online Active Challenge	Online Active Challenge	Online Active Challenge	Online Active Challenge	Online Active Challenge
PE GCSE	N/A	N/A	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
PE Sport Studies	N/A	N/A	All live lessons	All live lessons	Set task whilst teacher is doing 20 minute 1:1 interventions
Photography	N/A	N/A	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
RE	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
Science	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons

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Spanish	1st lesson of the week is live and the 2nd lesson is a set task with live support	1st lesson of the week is live and the 2nd lesson is a set task with live support	1st lesson of the week is live and the 2nd lesson is a set task with live support	All live lessons	All live lessons
Technology	Set task with live support	Set task with live support	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons

Core PE

We would like to congratulate all those students who have been going out and exercising whilst learning from home. We are continuously setting three weekly challenges for all students to attempt. This week we have linked with Art and Photography to challenge students to capture pictures of architecture whilst out exercising. Remember to complete your Google Form at the end of each week and add a photograph at the bottom to be in with a chance of winning a prize!

Remote Learning Parent Survey

We would welcome your feedback on our remote learning provision and have created a small questionnaire which we would very much appreciate you completing: <https://forms.gle/vSrZ1BrH53YPx1hv7>

Tassomai Weekly Progress Report for Science Homework

To help students keep track of their progress, Tassomai has developed a new tool that shares information with parents and carers. An introductory email was sent earlier this week, with an option to opt out if you do not want to receive this.

You will receive a weekly update that includes how many days your son/daughter has been active, the number of correct answers, and the percentage accuracy. You will also be able to access the 'Tassomai Tree' which is a visual summary of the knowledge and understanding each student has demonstrated in Tassomai so far.

Students should continue to complete their Tassomai daily goal on the Science homework days of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. However many students have chosen to make it a habit every day of the week, to help support their long-term learning of Science.

Parent Consultation: Relationships and Sex Education, and Health Education

In September 2020, Relationships and Sex Education, and Health Education became compulsory in UK secondary schools. We have been teaching this for the past two years as part of our Academy's new PSHE programme, and would like to share with you what we do. From Monday 8th until Monday 22nd February, we will launch [a page on our website](#) with a video and some links to explain what the new statutory requirements are and how we deliver them to your child. As part of this, we will invite parents to give us some feedback in a short survey which will be included in our Friday letter to parents after half term.

Parents Information Evenings

Thank you to our Year 10 parents for your engagement in our recent parents' information evening. I hope you found the experience valuable and supportive.

The parents' information event for **Year 9** parents will take place next week on **Thursday 11th February 2021** between 3:30pm and 7:30pm by telephone.



The evening is designed to enable you to speak with individual subject teachers to review how your son/daughter is making progress and to discuss ways of working together to best support their academic and personal success.

You can book your appointments online by going to the following website: www.parents-booking.co.uk/isca

Bookings can be made from Monday 1st February at 12 noon. The bookings will close on Wednesday 10th February at 12 noon.

Mass Testing for COVID

We are starting to make preparations for our students to return to school, including putting in place systems for mass testing of students on their return, **should this be necessary**. There may not be a lot of notice before the children return, so we are seeking to gain consent for testing and would appreciate you completing the consent form which is available here: [Testing consent](#)

Essential school students will be tested again after the half term break where we already have consent.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you all a safe and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aimee Mitchell', written in a cursive style.

Miss Aimee Mitchell

Headteacher