

12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Weekly Round-Up for Parents

As we enter our half term break and hopefully a period of rest and recuperation, I have prepared a video message for both parents / guardians and our students. Please watch the video message [here](#). We have achieved so much together this term despite some challenges along the way so please take some time to reflect on your achievements and all of the positive moments over the last 6 weeks.

We are not anticipating any government announcements next week but I remain hopeful that we will be able to open the school more fully from the 8th of March. As soon as I receive more information, I will be sure to contact you to outline our plans. Any communication will be on or after the 22nd February and not before.

[In this edition:](#)

[Remote Learning](#)

[Year 8 Options](#)

[Uniform Requirements for Essential School](#)

[Year 11 – important information](#)

#### Remote Learning

We have had a really successful half-term, albeit through remote learning! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support. I know the staff have really valued your diligence in checking what your children are working on and your patience in supporting them. It is important that over half-term, they have a break away from all school work and ideally screens and are ready and refreshed for the new half-term. Please see below a few updates on remote learning that will take effect from the 22nd February.

In Art lessons, Miss Sastre and Mrs Hughes want Year 7 and Year 8 students to draw more and look less at the screens. This is why, from w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> February, they are challenging students to follow the 3 step instructions and spend the lesson working on paper. They will provide examples of work in progress as a reference.

#### W/C 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 (Week A)

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>Art</b>	Short challenge, step by step examples with live chat support	Short challenge, step by step examples with live chat support	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
<b>Catering</b>	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
<b>Computer Science</b>	Pre-recorded with live support 7x - A Tue 1 7y - B Mon 1 All other lessons are now Maths lessons	Pre-recorded lessons with live support	All live lessons	The 'double lesson' is live.	All live lessons

	<b>Year 7</b>	<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>
<b>Dance</b>	N/A	N/A	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
<b>Drama</b>	Pre-recorded lessons with live support	Pre-recorded lessons with live support	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
<b>English</b>	Tuesday Period 4: 7y1, 7y3, 7y4 live lesson Tuesday Period 5: 7x1, 7x2, 7x4, 7y2 live lesson Wednesday Period 1: 7x3 live lesson All other lessons are pre-recorded lesson with live support	Pre-recorded lessons with live support	Monday period 3: 9x1, 9x2, 9x3, 9x4 live lesson Monday period 4 9y1, 9y2, 9y3, 9y4 live lesson All other lessons are pre-recorded with live support	All live lessons	All live lessons
<b>French</b>	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
<b>Geography</b>	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
<b>History</b>	First lesson of the week is live, the second lesson is a set task with live support	First lesson of the week is live, the second lesson is a set task with live support	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
<b>PSHE</b>	Online lesson	Online lesson	N/A	Online lesson	Online lesson
<b>iMedia</b>	n/a	n/a	Set task with live support	Set task with live support (single lessons) Live lesson (double lessons)	All live lessons
<b>Maths</b>	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
<b>Music</b>	Pre-recorded lesson with live support	Pre-recorded lesson with live support	Pre-recorded lesson with live support	All live lessons	All live lessons
<b>PE Core</b>	Online Task	Online Task	Online Task	Online Task	Online Task
<b>PE GCSE</b>	N/A	N/A	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>PE Sport Studies</b>	N/A	N/A	All live lessons	All live lessons	Set task whilst the teacher is doing 20 minute 1:1 interventions
<b>Photography</b>	N/A	N/A	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
<b>RE</b>	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
<b>Science</b>	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons
<b>Spanish</b>	N/A	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
<b>Technology</b>	Set task with live support	Set task with live support	All live lessons	All live lessons	All live lessons

### Year 8 Options

We will be launching the Year 8 Options process on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. You will receive 2 letters via our Group Call system, one of which will be for you, the other for your child. The letters will contain all the information you will require to support your child through the process. However, I would like to draw your attention to our live-steamed Options Evening event on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm. You will have the opportunity to submit questions via the website and ask questions live during the event. Our website will be fully updated <https://iscaexeter.co.uk/students/year-8-options/> so please do visit it.

### Uniform Requirements for Essential School

Students who attend Essential School, need to arrive at school in full school uniform. As we are continuing to ventilate our classrooms and school, it is important to us that the students stay warm. With this in mind, students can wear warm layers under their school uniform, as well as a coat over the top of their uniform if it is particularly cold. However, these items are not to be worn instead of their school uniform. Hoodies and jumpers under their blazer or instead of their school jumper will not be permitted. We remain committed to supporting our students with this and can provide any items of clothing that they may need. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this.

If students have PE on their timetable, then they should bring their PE Kit with them to school and they will be able to change on site.

### Year 11 - Important Information

The situation with the summer examinations is still unclear and we have not yet received any details of what we will need to do to support your final grades, in the absence of examinations. What we do know is that we will be asked to provide evidence of your learning and progress, which will include mock exams, any coursework as well as classwork. Therefore it is really important that you continue to work with your teachers in the online lessons, so that they have the very best and up to date evidence of your ability for you when the time comes. Please do contact your teachers after half term if you feel that you need some additional support.



## Post 16 Applications

If your child hasn't yet submitted a post-16 application and you need some advice, please email Mrs Taylor our Post 16 Transition Coordinator on [jtaylor@iscaexeter.co.uk](mailto:jtaylor@iscaexeter.co.uk). Guidance on what to do is also available [on our website](#).

Applications to Exeter College should have been submitted by today, but if you need further guidance or support, please contact Kerry Balchin, Isca's link Exeter College Adviser, for support and advice regarding the courses available and how to apply. Her details are: **Kerry Balchin**, 01392 400600, [kerrybalchin@exe-coll.ac.uk](mailto:kerrybalchin@exe-coll.ac.uk)

Thank you for your continued and unwavering support and I wish you all a safe and restful half term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aimee Mitchell', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

Miss Aimee Mitchell

Headteacher