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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your loved ones are safe and well. Following the announcement yesterday that non-exam year groups will be taught remotely for a week beginning 4th January 2021, it is important that we clarify the situation for you and what we will be doing to ensure the best on-line learning experience possible. It means that Year 11 and Year 13 students will be in school as normal from 8.50am on Monday 4th January. Some Y12 students who have exams in January will also be asked to come to school during that week in preparation for their exams. All other students will be taught on-line. The key points to note are:

- Students may be taught via Microsoft Teams and resources for lessons will be available on the school's website (see information below).
- Lessons will be live. That means there will be opportunities for live interaction with teachers in all lessons. Some lessons will be taught live, while others may be pre-recorded or resources made available but staff will be on-line to answer any questions and offer support.
- Lessons will start at the usual times but will only be 40 minutes in length so students can have a break away from their screens.
- Timetables will be sent out to all students before 8.50am on Monday 4th January with the instructions on how to access their lessons. They will be sent to parents via PS Connect and will also be available in the 'Remote Learning' area of the website.
- Food packs will be available to all families entitled to free school meals. We will contact the families concerned on 4th January to make arrangements.
- We will have the facility for vulnerable students or children of key workers to come into school during that week. They will be expected in at 8.50am. Students will be supervised in a computer room where they too can access the learning remotely. Lunches will be provided.

Important changes regarding remote learning – from January 2021

From Monday 4th January, we will no longer be using Show My Homework as a platform to set remote learning, although we will still continue to use Show My Homework to set homework and upload any resources required to complete homework. From Monday 4th January, we will be launching a new 'Virtual Learning Environment' which will store all of the resources required for pupils to access the full curriculum and follow their normal school timetable whilst working at home. This can be accessed via the school website homepage under the tab 'Remote Learning from Home';



Pupils should follow these steps;

- Sign in to the school website (using their normal username and password)
- Once signed in, they will notice a 'Remote Learning from Home' tab at the top of the homepage (see above). Click on this remote learning tab.
- Select their year group
- Click on the relevant subject – pupils should follow their normal school timetable
- Click on Half Term 3
- Click on the relevant lesson/topic – a personalised timetable will be sent out via email which will direct pupils to this

There is also a video in this Remote Learning section of the website which demonstrates these steps.

There will be a number of lessons which will be delivered live via MS Teams (these will be indicated on the timetable). Please ensure your child familiarises themselves with MS Teams so that they can engage in the live lesson. There is an instructional video in the Remote Learning section of the website to guide pupils through logging in and joining a live lesson. If your child has any problems technical problems please contact ithelpline@maricourt.net

If you or your child have any queries regarding remote learning, in the first instance please contact their Progress Leader via maricourt@maricourt.net

If your child does not have access to a computer/laptop/tablet and/or the internet at home, please contact us as soon as possible via maricourt@maricourt.net

Sixth Form students

Students in Sixth Form are asked to continue their normal way of working for remote learning, i.e. via MS Teams and communication via email with their subject teachers, therefore they will not be sent an individual timetable.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay safe and God bless.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Mangan,

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