

Dear Student,

We hope that you have had a fantastic Christmas and New Year in the safety of your homes.

We know that it has been a rather unusual end to 2020. The new variety of Covid-19 has been spreading over the UK and we find ourselves in Tier 4, plus, we are preparing to do the testing we have been asked to provide for staff and students by the Government. Therefore, we are in the position of needing to use contingency plans of online, remote learning for all secondary students from **Tuesday 5th January** for a period of time. More information on the details of your return to school will be provided as soon as we have that information. In the meantime, live lessons will replace face-to-face learning until further notice.

Please can you ensure that you are ready to join your lessons online. We will be using Teams, and you should be available at the times you would normally have your lessons as from Tuesday 5th January.

For many of you, this will be the first time you have been asked to attend live lessons. To help, we have produced a narrated power point which explains how to join a lesson and how you can make the most of the learning. It takes a little getting used to, but once you have joined one or two lessons, it will get easier. Performing Arts, PSHE and PE lessons for years 7, 8 and 9 will not be live lessons. You should attempt the work posted on the school website – unless you are contacted specifically by your teacher. The links to the work are here:

<https://www.ccs.northants.sch.uk/curriculum/home-learning-resources/performing-arts-at-home>

<https://www.ccs.northants.sch.uk/curriculum/home-learning-resources/pe-at-home>

(If you have self-isolated in the past and have completed all the work for drama, music and PE, please contact your teachers of these subjects for advice.)

If you experience any difficulty attending a lesson – due to a technical or device issue – please let your teacher know as soon as possible. They will be able to either help you access the lesson or direct you to a recording of the lesson. However, you are expected to attend. You will need your parent/carer to contact school about any absences which need to be authorised – exactly as they would on a normal school day.

Should you need any more help, please contact your form tutor in the first instance.

Finally, please try not to worry. All of your teachers will miss seeing you in person for a while but look forward to catching up with you 'virtually' in the short term.

Kind regards and stay safe,

Mrs Husband (Assistant Principal)

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