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QEGS Update: Remote Learning, Critical Worker Provision and Exams

Dear Students, Staff, Parents, Carers,

A Happy New Year to you all!

Thank you for your patience whilst the Senior Leadership Team have conducted numerous meetings in preparation for the start of a new term. As you know, how we expected to return changed late last week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who have been already planning, organising and preparing during their Christmas holidays all with short notice to ensure our students can get the best education possible given the circumstances. On Monday morning QEGS staff have a variety of meetings to ensure a smooth start to term. Outlined below is more information about Remote Learning, Pastoral Provision, Critical Worker and Vulnerable Student Provision and Exams. We really appreciate your kind words of support and encouragement so far- thank you! Please do bear with us on Monday whilst staff are putting the plans into place with limited notice.

Remote Learning

During this first week (w/c 4th Jan 2021)

- Year 11 and 13 students - the majority of lessons for will be 'live', either via a Microsoft Teams Meeting or a pre-recorded video and the teacher available online to answer questions.
- Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 - work will be set on Microsoft Teams ahead of the lesson. Some lessons may be 'live'.

Students should follow their usual timetable (originally we discussed a revised timetable but have decided that sticking to their original timetable is a better option), accessing the work set on Microsoft Teams. Where work is set for a subject for the week, make sure your child breaks it down into chunks, following their teacher's advice.

There is a student 'how to' guide and help video on the remote learning section of our website.

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/covid-19/remote-learning/>

Please do try and access as much of the remote learning as possible.

Pastoral Provision

Form tutors will be contacting all students this week by phone with a 'Safe and Well Check', but please do email them if you have any questions or are having any issues accessing work and we will try to help. There will also be assemblies available to access which will provide students and parents with key messages and thoughts.

Critical Worker and Vulnerable Student Provision

Just a reminder that Vulnerable students and children of critical workers will follow their remote learning provision on-site, and will be in a consistent 'bubble' for the duration of this provision (first 2 weeks of term if in Yrs 7-10+12). Full school uniform expectations for vulnerable and children of critical workers. There will not be any PE lessons during this two week provision. Registration will take place in the main hall at 08.30am for those arriving on foot/private transport and at 08.40am for those arriving by bus. School Transport will run as normal for all students attending onsite provision in first two weeks.

External Exams and Mock Exams

Those external exams planned for this coming week and next will still go ahead. Mrs Morgan is contacting parents and students concerned with an exam and revision timetable.

Sixth form mock exams are currently being discussed and Mrs Allen will provide more information to students and parents early next week.

Please do continue to revise and prepare and keep that as your goal- we will contact you as soon as we have more information. Good luck with your studies and remember the golden rules of rest, eat and sleep well too!

Enjoy your Sunday and take care.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L Betty". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Mrs L Betty
Deputy Headteacher