



20 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 Online learning offer from Thursday 21st September 2023

I am pleased to write to you outlining the switch to a full timetable of online learning through Google Classroom or Microsoft Teams that compliments the face to face offer we currently have in place. This offer will begin on Thursday 21st September. On these platforms, staff will provide detailed written instructions about how to complete the learning activities. They will also refer to sources of new content learning where appropriate. At the moment we will not be in a position to deliver live lessons, due to the restrictions on rooming, access to IT resources and complex timetabling issues. Staff will be expecting students to complete tasks set and hand them in for checking on the Google and Microsoft platforms.

I appreciate your patience as we have needed time to get this offer ready to ensure all students have access to all the necessary platforms. This has involved all students accessing an ICT suite with a member of staff to check passwords. All students have either done this or will have this complete this week. I am sure you can appreciate this was a task that needed to be in place first and was not easy to plan or deliver with limited classroom space.

Students should follow the attached timetable and log in to each classroom or team at the allocated time and complete the work set. The expectation is that the work set along with time to research or read the task will allow them a break before the next lesson. These sessions unlike the school day can be flexible as some students may need to share a device with another family member to complete their work, they may need to take it in turns to access their timetabled lessons. Any tasks that need handing in via the classroom or team should be submitted by the end of the day, this will allow any feedback required to take place, either with the student during their face-to-face lesson or via the classroom or team.

A link to the training videos and resources for students, as well as a video for parents about how to access and use Google Classroom, can be found on the school website. On the front page of the website, you will see a link that reads **Guide to Accessing Google Classrooms from Home**, this is located on the **Home Learning** tab on the school website.

If you have any questions about how to support your child when learning from home, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school. You can contact your child's Head of Year via email or phone the school directly to seek support.



Please be assured our primary aim is to get your children back onto the school site as soon as possible and we continue to work with the DFE and external contractors to be able to offer more face to face in school learning for those students currently on restricted hours.

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Davis
Deputy Head Teacher

Year 8 Home Learning Timetable

At these times students should access their google classroom or Microsoft Team for their class and year group and access the work set for them by a subject teacher. If necessary, this work should then be handed in or submitted in the classroom or team at the end of the lesson.

Tech = Technology, Geog = Geography

	Monday		Tuesday					Wednesday		Thursday					Friday	
	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 1	Period 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 1	Period 2
8a1	History	Music	PE	English	Tech	Maths	Science	Art	French	PE	English	ICT	Maths	History	Drama	Geog
8a2	History	Music	PE	English	Tech	Maths	Science	Art	Geog	PE	English	ICT	Maths	French	Drama	Geog
8a3	History	Music	PE	English	Tech	Maths	Science	Art	Geog	PE	English	ICT	Maths	History	Drama	Geog
8a4	History	Music	PE	English	Tech	Maths	Science	Art	Geog	PE	English	ICT	Maths	History	Drama	Geog
8b1	History	Music	PE	English	Tech	Maths	Science	Art	French	PE	English	ICT	Maths	History	Drama	Geog
8b2	History	Music	PE	English	Tech	Maths	Science	Art	French	PE	English	ICT	Maths	History	Drama	Geog
8b3	History	Music	PE	English	Tech	Maths	Science	Art	Geog	PE	English	ICT	Maths	History	Drama	Geog