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Dear Parent/sCarers

Please note below an email I have sent your child/children to inform them of their school work over the next few weeks and to highlight a few things which may help them know what to do.

Dear Queensbury Academy students

I hope you had a good Christmas break and are all safe and well.

I wanted to write to you let you know what is happening over the next few weeks as we gradually reopen the Academy because of the Coronavirus pandemic. I have written to your parents/carers but I thought I would write to you too to highlight a few things.

You will be **learning remotely at home** this week. **Get up in good time** and **follow your usual timetable** by logging in to **Teams** at the beginning of each day. Teachers will have set your work as an assignment which you can view in the **posts section** of your Teams group for each class you have. If you are unsure what lessons you have, you can check your timetable on **EduLink**. So, for tomorrow, the lessons that will be on in Teams are for Tuesday 5th January, that is Tuesday **week A**. Remember, the lesson times on EduLink are different to what they are at the moment so as a reminder please note **the timings of your lessons below**:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12/13
Lesson 18.30	9.15	10.00	9.15	10.00	8.30	
Lesson 29.45	10.30	11.15	10.30	11.15	9.45	
Lesson 311.30	12.15	1.00	12.15	1.00	11.30	
Lesson 412.45	1.30	2.15	1.30	2.15	12.45	

At the time of your lesson your teacher will open the posts section so that you will be able to **register with the teacher and ask any questions** related to the work set. When in each lesson, please say in the posts section '**good morning/afternoon sir/miss**' to register your attendance. Please remember the posts section is only for you to chat with the teacher about the work set and not for personal chat amongst students. Your teacher will close this at the end of the lesson time.



If you are not able to access the lesson at the time of your normal lesson due to perhaps having to share a device with your family, you can complete the assignment at another time. All the assignments for your lessons for that day will be **posted at 8.30 in the morning** so you can access them from that time.

Teachers will be **giving you 48 hours to complete the work** so please make sure you try your hardest to complete the work in that timeframe.

If you have any **issues with logging into Teams**, please email the school at the following address and our IT support staff will be able to help you HelpDesk@queensbury.anthemtrust.uk

I think it is important I explain why we have not adopted the approach to conduct **live lessons** where you can see the teacher speak to you live. We think it is important that we can be certain that all students have access to the lessons online. Not all students have good access to IT at home. Of those that do have IT equipment and good internet access, some students find they must share this with parents who have work commitments, or other siblings who are in a similar position. Therefore delivering 'live lessons' means that some would automatically miss out through no fault of their own. This is not something we feel would be for the benefit of all our students. We would prefer to pre record explanations or have explanations written down so students can access the learning in a more flexible way. However the **live chat function will mean you can ask for help** if you are stuck at any point.

Next week, all Yr11 and 13 students will be back in the Academy and then **all other students** will come back the following week from **January 18th**.

We are working on being able to **test for COVID all students and staff** who consent to this to make Queensbury even safer. This is nothing to worry about. It will just mean that we can pick up on those who have the virus but do not have symptoms. It also means that if you do come across someone who is positive then you will not need to isolate if you test negative. We will **contact you when we have detailed plans in place** which will be soon.

Even when not in school, please continue to follow our **CARE** values. **Cooperation** - work with your families and teachers to complete the work set and to stay safe and happy. **Aspiration**- aim to complete your work to a high standard. **Respect** - make sure you use the live chat in lessons sensibly and look out for each other to make sure your friends are ok. **Endeavour** - work with energy on your online learning. Be disciplined and do not put work off - get it turned in so your teacher can give you some feedback.

We are really looking forward to having you back in school but in the mean time **stay safe, work hard and be kind**.

Kind Regards

Mr Little

Principal

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