



31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Yesterday the government announced changes to their pre-Christmas plans for a staggered return to school in January, which now means that your child will now be returning to school on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January**. All students are asked to focus on Century online learning for Maths, English and Science on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and lessons will be set and run from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January in all other subjects.

### Work online

- **English, Maths and Science** will be using **Century online learning** as well as setting tasks to work through on Teams for students to complete during their lesson times throughout the week. Teachers will be available during their timetabled lessons on the chat function on Teams to offer advice and help to anyone who needs it.
- **Options** teachers will upload work and resources onto **Teams** on the day of their usual lesson and will also be available during their timetabled lessons.

### Home Learning on Teams

All students have been shown how to access Teams and have started to use it regularly to access work. Teams can be downloaded onto laptops, tablets, and phones. Students can also easily access their Teams by going into their school Outlook emails and clicking on the 9 dots in the top left-hand corner of the screen and selecting Teams. They will need to know their school login and password / school email to get into Teams. Please contact school if your son/daughter has any problems with this.

This link is a student friendly explanation about how Teams works, if a refresher is needed:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aO9LE6ZKnUM&feature=youtu.be>

Students will have a separate Teams 'room' for each subject they are studying; work will be set here for each subject and staff will be available using the 'chat' facility to offer help and guidance.

### Century for English, Maths and Science:

There is a Century tab in students' Teams room which gives them easy access to Century, or they can login through <https://app.century.tech/login/>. Century is currently designed to be used on computers or tablets, and works better on them than on phones because the nuggets take about 10-15 minutes to complete and are best done without the distractions of various apps found on mobile phones. If your son/daughter forgets their login or password, please feel free to get in touch with Jo Cooper (Deputy Headteacher) at [jo.cooper@whptrust.org](mailto:jo.cooper@whptrust.org) from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

We appreciate that home learning does pose some challenges, not least of all, around access to the technology needed for home learning. Please get in touch with the school if you have any questions or concerns. We are also making arrangements for families with children who receive free school meals to receive a voucher next week, either by post (all Aldi vouchers and some Sainsburys vouchers if requested) or by email (all Tesco vouchers).

Finally, the government are also keen for schools to put in place systems for students and school staff to be routinely tested for Coronavirus in school (in an effort to minimise issues such as asymptomatic transmission of Coronavirus); we are awaiting further details but are putting plans in place to get this up and running, however, I want to reassure parents that we will not carry out testing on students without parental permission. We will be sending more details to parents and carers about the testing process as soon as we have more information and plans are confirmed.

The challenges of 2020 have been significant, and I am continually impressed by the way our students, staff and the wider community adapt to them and carry on. Life has been and continues to be difficult for many members of our school community and I want to reassure you that we are working as hard as we can to offer the personalised support needed in such unusual times. I am hopeful for 2021 and what it may bring and look forward to seeing your children back in school on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January**.

With kindest regards,

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Year 10 Timetable

Mon:1	Mon:2	Mon:3	Mon:4	Tue:1	Tue:2	Tue:3	Tue:4	Wed:1	Wed:2	Wed:3	Wed:4	Thu:1	Thu:2	Thu:3	Thu:4	Fri:1	Fri:2	Fri:3	Fri:4
10B Comp Science GUL	English	Maths	Science	10A Art HEW	10C Achieve Award	English	Maths	Science	10C Achieve Award	10D Photo COE	English	Maths	Science	PE	10A Art HEW	English	Science	10B Comp Science GUL	10D Photo COE
10B Citizenship BAR				10A Geog HOL	10C Business				10C Business LOW	10D Engineering RAM					10A Geog HOL			10B Study CLA	10D Engineering RAM
10B Food GID				10A History REA	10C Geog				10C Geog STZ	10D Psych CHM					10A History REA			10B Food GID	10D Psych CHM
10B Geog HOL				10A Photo DEC	10C Health & Social Care				10C Health & Social Care ADR	10D Citizenship BAR & WAN					10A Photo DEC			10B Geog HOL	10D Study IAN & SEL
10B Sport BRO				10A Study FER	10C Psych				10C Psych CHM						10A Citizenship BAR			10B Sport BRO	
					10C Spanish				10C Spanish GAR										