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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Re: Final 3 weeks of term: using Microsoft Teams to further engage with students

I am sure you will have heard the news from the government that all children will be back in schools for the start of the autumn term in September. We are delighted that this decision has been made and are looking forward to welcoming all students back in whatever form that may take. To try and address some of the gaps in learning that have been caused by this extended period of absence from school, we intend to offer students in year 7-9 online sessions with their teachers at specific times of the day for the final 3 weeks of this term.

These sessions are in addition to the work uploaded via SMHW. A timetable for these lessons is given at the end of this letter. We do expect that all students will "attend" these virtual lessons, since they will focus on re-connecting with their teachers and outlining preparatory work that can be completed over the summer so that they are ready to hit the ground running in September in their new year group.

Online lessons via Microsoft Teams will commence week beginning 6th July, as detailed on the programme below. Students will be sent an invitation to their lesson via their school email account. This will allow them access to it. Teams will send them an email with a link to the lesson and they simply click on this link to enter the lesson. Without an invitation, there is no access, meaning the class is restricted to those invited by the teacher. Please will you ask your child to check that they have their school email address and to contact the ICT support desk if they can't remember it?

For students in year 9, there is a timetabled session with their new options teachers as well as their core subject teachers.

The challenge of delivering and accessing lessons virtually is one that we must take on together and I am confident that with patience and tolerance on all sides, it will be successful. There will be some expectations in terms of online behaviour during lessons that we will explain to students. Online behaviour and other areas that require attention in response to the current Covid-19 situation have been added as an appendix to our behaviour code, which can be found on the school website. This is to ensure that all participants in learning of any form are able to enjoy the experience safely. I can offer you my assurance that using Microsoft Teams is a safe way to deliver lessons and has the full backing of the DFE as a platform. However, should you **not** wish your child to access sessions using this platform, please will you telephone the main school switchboard and leave a message to that effect so that we can remove your child from the register and ensure you are not troubled with further telephone calls to chase up non-attendance to online classes.



Finally, as a practice run before the online sessions begin fully, we intend to hold a full year group assembly for each year group next week. These will take place on **Tuesday 30th June** at the following times:

Year 7 10.00 am
Year 8 10.30 am
Year 9 11.00 am

Invitations will be sent on Friday 26th June via your child's school email account to the assembly, so please ask your child to check for this.

I will be sending out a final end of term letter via Insight, which will contain information about our return in September. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we have moved away from paper based communication and use electronic communication where possible. All parents are asked to access the following platforms to receive communication from school, send updates and pay online for things such as equipment packs, visits etc:

- Insight
- Parentlite
- Parentpay
- Show my homework

All school letters, reports and updates about behaviour (smiley and grumpy faces) etc. are sent via Insight so it is particularly important that parents/carers have access to this app.

If you have forgotten your details for logging onto Insight, you can find information on how to reset on our website <https://www.ashtoncsc.lancs.sch.uk/insight>.

Likewise, if you have forgotten your SMHW username and password, you can find details on how to access it on our website <https://www.ashtoncsc.lancs.sch.uk/show-my-homework>

If you have not yet signed up for Parentpay or Parentlite, then please watch out for the email inviting you to register. This will be sent to the email address we hold for you on our system. If you have changed your email address, or any other personal details, it is possible to update them via Parentlite.

I would like to thank you in advance for supporting us in the final 3 weeks of term as we try and re-connect with students and get them familiar with using Teams as a learning platform. It has been the strangest of times but it seems like we are moving back into something more familiar at last.

Yours sincerely



Miss S Asquith
Headteacher

Timetable for online lesson delivery week beginning Monday 6th July

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11.15-11.45am	Year 9 Maths PGR LMG SFN HES CLY EHD	Year 9 Science CWS NCO SWH SMD SEL KCN	Year 9 Option B French – SBY History – JPH DT – RJS Food – SBN Cr Med-GLS/JMY Sport - TTR	Year 9 Option C Drama – SBS Comp Sc – MAH RS – ABW History–JPH/MPS Geog – DES Literacy - CPR	Year 9 English SKR AHN CMY MPN DMN
11.45-12.15pm			Year 8 History JPH	Year 9 Option A Tr Sc – SEL SMD Computing–JMY Geog – JWN PWE Art – SBL Child Dev – SBS	
12.15pm – 12.45pm	Year 8 Geography JWN & DES	Year 8 French SBY & JHE	Year 8 PSHE JMY	Year 7 Maths SFN	Year 7 RE ABW
1.15-1.45pm	Year 8 Maths SFN	Year 7 French SBY & JHE	Year 8 Comp Sc MAH	Year 7 Science KCN	Year 7 Art & DT RJS & SBL
1.45-2.15pm	Year 8 Science KCN	Year 8 RE ABW	Year 8 English CMY	Year 7 History JPH	Year 7 Computing MAH
2.15-2.45pm	Year 7 English CMY	Year 8 Art & DT RJS & SBL	Year 7 PSHE JMY	Year 7 Geography JWN & PWE	

Timetable for online lesson delivery week beginning Monday 13th July

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11.15- 11.45am	Year 9 Maths PGR LMG SFN HES CLY EHD	Year 9 Science CWS NCO SWH SMD SEL KCN	Year 9 Option B French – SBY History – JPH DT – RJS Food – SBN Cr Med – GLS JMY Sport - TTR	Year 9 Option C Drama – SBS Comp Sc – MAH RS – ABW History – JPH MPS Geog – DES Literacy - CPR	Year 9 English SKR AHN CMY MPN DMN
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