

Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into Week 4 of this half term, we continue to be amazed and inspired by the commitment of our school community to their distance learning. We are thrilled at the consistent effort of our students on their live lessons and want to say thank you for all the support you are providing to your child.

In this week's letter, we want to inform you about some flexibility within the timetable and provide you with some important digital safety and behaviour expectations.

We have provided live lessons because we recognise the value of teacher explanation, instruction and feedback in real time. We also acknowledge the importance of daily connection and peer interaction for student wellbeing. However, we recognise the challenges of being in front of a screen for long periods of time. So, we have reviewed aspects of the provision to address some of these challenges and bring some flexibility to the timetable.

- All lessons are cut down to a maximum of 50 minutes with a 10-minute comfort break built in. Students are encouraged to use this time to take a break from the screen, take a walk, get some fresh air and get refreshed.
- The 'Happy' section of the Distance Learning page on the school website details a range of wellbeing activities that we encourage all students to engage with.
- All lessons are saved in Class Materials in each Class Team to provide some flexibility of student access.
- Home learning this half term will include 'off-line' activities to reduce screen time.

Details of some flexibility within some subject areas are below:









Year 8	Live Lessons	Flexibility
	Most Subjects	<p>Music, Art, Dance, Drama Pre-recorded lessons that can be accessed at any time during the week.</p> <p>English - Friday 10.00-11.00am – Reading focus. Teacher will start the lesson.</p> <p>RESPECT – Project based lesson. Teacher will start the lesson, but it will be a short introduction leading to some off- screen work.</p>

Curriculum Pathways

Due to the significant disruption our Year 8 students have experienced during Year 7 and 8 we are currently consulting with curriculum teams about how we offer the best opportunities for our students during Year 9.

In the next couple of weeks, we will update you with more information about the Curriculum Pathways process.

Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe are the three school rules and we wanted share with parents the messages we share in assembly regarding expectations about students' digital code of conduct:

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We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Chorlton High School





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