



NORHAM  
HIGH SCHOOL

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6 January 2021

Dear Parents/carers

Due to the announcement that happened on Monday, this letter outlines what will happen with your child and their education.

All students have their Chrome books and will be required to use them. They have all used these over the last few months and are familiar with how to use Google Classroom and have had training on how to join live lessons.

From today (6 January) all lessons will be delivered 'live' via Google Classroom.

From Monday 11 January 2021 all pupils will have a weekly Google meet (interactive) tutorial: 2.35 – 2.50 pm. All children must attend this so tutors can "touch base", offer advice, and support in relation to school work and mental health. On Monday 11 January 2021, this will be a year 11 Assembly with me on exams and assessment – parents / carers are welcome to listen and ask questions.

All students will receive an invitation from their Form tutor asking them to join their form class, Google Classroom and all will be expected to log on at 8.30 am ready for the school day.

The School days runs as following:

Lesson 1 – 9am

Lesson 2 – 10am

Lesson 3 – 11.20 am

Lesson 4 – 12.50 pm

Lesson 5 – 1.50pm

All lessons will last approximately 40 minutes, allowing pupils and staff plenty of time between lessons to catch up or take a break. By not running morning tutorial all pupils also have 30 minutes extra every morning to catch up on learning from the day before or e-mail teachers to help catch up and/or submit work. There is no expectation for students to use the video function if they do not want to be seen – although it would be lovely to see their faces. Likewise, they can mute their microphones and use the chat function during the lesson to communicate with their teachers which will allow them to make good progress. Students may be required to work on a Google Doc or the teacher may ask them to work on paper which

they can then bring into school when we return. If you require paper then please contact your child's Head of Year through Google Classroom.

Please be aware that:

- Pupils must wear appropriate clothing eg not pyjamas
- Pupils need to think about the location of where they are working - they can blur out their background
- They need to try and remove distractions e.g. put their phone elsewhere!

All students are expected to attend all lessons and a register will be taken. Student's attendance will be monitored. It is really important that students adhere to the daily routines of a normal school day and attend lessons on time, especially year 11 as work completed / submitted may inform the final grades following cancellation of GCSE's.

For those students who have Accelerated Reader on their timetable, there will be no lesson on this. Please do encourage your child to continue reading at home if they have access to material.

All lessons will be recorded for staff training and quality assurance purposes only.

We appreciate that this is an usual time for all and whilst we love teaching your children in our classrooms, we feel that this will be of real benefit being able to continue their lessons albeit over laptops.

Take care and stay safe.



T Conway  
Headteacher