



7 January 2021

Good afternoon to parents and carers

A few updates today as there have been no major developments of note to feedback to you.

Remote Learning tomorrow & next week

As you know for today and tomorrow we have stuck to the plan I had already shared with parents last Sunday. From Monday 11 January all students should receive all lessons live via Teams as per their timetable. Below is the plan for Friday 8th January.

- Year 7 – nothing tomorrow, form or lessons
- Year 8 – nothing tomorrow, form or lessons
- Year 9 – no form, invited to join option lessons via Teams and expected to do so
- Year 10 – no form, invited to join option lessons via Teams and expected to do so
- Year 11 - Teams lessons all day, including form
- Post 16 – nothing tomorrow

Key worker and vulnerable students are still welcome to attend school. Other students can find work and resources on 'Century' for tomorrow.

Supporting our community

I have today received reports from local shop keepers and residents saying that groups of teenagers are being seen in and around Bennetts End shops. The callers cannot be sure the students are from Longdean but when staff have dropped in on the shops on their way to and from school they have also reported seeing small groups (3-5) of Longdean students meeting up. Please can I remind all parents that under the current rules students should not be out in groups with each other and should only be leaving home for essential journeys or exercise with no more than one other person.

Schools were closed as children have been identified as a group highly likely to transfer the virus to others. We all want to be back at school as soon as possible so please can I encourage all parents to ensure their children adhere to the current lockdown rules.

Calendar update

We have been working hard to look at how events in the calendar can still run this half term. Outlined below are the revised dates for events this half term. We will shortly issue a new calendar for this half term

Preliminary Exam data and School Reports

- Year 11 data will be accessible on Go4Schools from 11 January
- Year 11 reports containing the data above will be sent home on 18 January
- Year 9,10,12 data will be available on Go4Schools from 18 January 2021
- Year 13 reports, containing prelim grades will be issued on 29 January 2021
- Year 8 reports will be issued on 2 February 2021
- Year 7 reports will be issued on 1 March 2021

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Social Media:

PE: @LongdeanPE
Science: @LongdeanScience
History: @LongdeanHistory
Film Studies: @LongdeanFilm



Missed prelims for Year 13

If your child did not complete their preliminary examination in a subject before Christmas they will be offered the chance to sit it during their lessons up to **20 January**. We are looking at how we can use Teams to ensure strict examination rules are adhered to.

Parents Evenings

- Yr11 & Level 2 Parents Evening 19 January 2021
- Yr13 Parents Evening 2 February 2021
- Yr8 Parents Evening 11 February 2021

These will all be remote events.

Year 11 options evening & subject information sessions

There will be a virtual event from 5.30pm on 28 January 2021 and parents/students can also sign up for subject information sessions on 4 February 2021. These will also be remote. The application process will remain online as in previous years.

Key worker and vulnerable student group week beginning Monday 11th January

A reminder this will close at 6pm tomorrow. Please use the link below to sign your child up if you wish them to attend. I have also attached the list of key workers below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

And the form to sign your child up is here:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FKPgQBg02E-HRai-OC_x3KEw0GEQPxBHvf--O6T9quVUQ1VJTVowVEJZMDc4M1BWOUNRWII3VUwwOC4u

Once again thank you for all the support you are giving to the school at the moment. I hope you and your families are all well and I will update you again tomorrow.

Regards



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