

18 September 2020

Dear Year 13 parents

It has been a strange week but I have been very proud of the efforts of year 13 and their teachers in coping with the seamless move to Teams based learning. Attendance has been excellent as has attitude to learning. Mr Fox would admit to not being a technological wizard but he described his first ever year 13 Maths lesson on Teams as a joy and told me of how Erin and Annabelle had been helping him. There has only been one occasion when I have heard of disappointing behaviour and I am sure this will be a one off.

As you know, this form of learning will continue all next week and then we will return to a period of assessments which will all take place in the Sports Hall. We are using both sides of the hall and desks will be at double the normal distances apart which are already further away than in a classroom. The timetable is copied below.

I am aware that a few individual students have a clash and I will email them directly next week with arrangements. If there are any known absences in these three days it would help for me to know these asap to assist with planning.

Monday 28th 09:30 exam start

Business Studies
Chemistry

Monday 28th 14:15 exam start

Further Maths
Media
Politics

Tuesday 29th 11:00 exam start

Biology
DT
Economics
English Literature

Tuesday 29th 14:15 exam start

Maths

Wednesday 30th 09:30 exam start

Classics
Music
PE
Physics
Spanish

Wednesday 30th 14:15 exam start

English Language

Geography

History

IT

I have emailed students on a daily basis this week with updates relating to the covid situation and I thank everyone for your patience. I have just been reading of new local lockdown guidelines coming to Liverpool from Tuesday and we will continue to advise students to support these. Can I please ask that if your son or daughter has had a covid test that you make us aware so that we can monitor numbers.

On a different note, my wife and I are taking part in a sponsored challenge during September, attempting to cycle 1000km between us to raise funds for cancer research. We had our own experience of this disease last year when Allyson had breast cancer and I am keen to support her in this challenge. If you would be able to offer support I would be very grateful.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/allyson-and-nicholas>

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Nicholas Griffith