

18th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: January Opening

The Government yesterday updated its guidance regarding the start of term in January and has advised that secondary schools in England should not fully re-open to all students and staff, following the Christmas holidays, until Monday 11th January.

However, the school will still be open from Tuesday 5th January, as scheduled, for students classed as vulnerable, for children of key workers and for students in Year 11. I can confirm that the Year 11 mock examinations will begin as planned on Wednesday 6th January.

All other students will receive their learning remotely for the first week of term (ie from Tuesday 5th January) and they will be expected to engage fully with this.

All lessons will be scheduled on Teams – students will be taught their lessons remotely with their own class teachers during a live teaching schedule. The lessons will appear in their Teams calendars on Monday 4th January ready for the Tuesday 5th start. The following link will show you how to access your calendars and lessons.

Live lessons on Teams for students

Students need to use their school email address to log into Teams, if they have not done so already at home, using the full username followed by @ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk – any passwords can be reset by contacting their RSL or Head of Year by email:

Year 7 RSL – jcollis@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

Year 7 Head of Year - snixon@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

Year 8 RSL – lwilkes@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

Year 8 Head of Year - ksheldon@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

Year 9 RSL – dwoodcock@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

Year 9 Head of Year - nchuhan@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

Year 10 RSL – jmeredith@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

Year 10 Head of Year - tshaw@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

Year 11 RSL – droberts@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

Year 11 Head of Year - asmith@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

All learning can be accessed from any device and work will be completed in their class books. PT will begin at 8.45am each morning and students are to log on to this for a register mark and also to receive their messages for the day. Please note a register will continue to be taken for each lesson.

We appreciate that this change is short notice and may inconvenience you, but it is essential that we closely follow all Government guidance on COVID-19 in order to safeguard our students, staff and wider school community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you in advance for your continued support during these difficult times. As you can imagine, we are as frustrated as you by the timings of the announcement, but will do everything in our power to ensure all of our students continue to receive a high quality of education, be it remotely or in the academy.

All students who are classified as vulnerable will be invited in to the academy during this period and will be contacted in person over the coming days.

If you are classified as a key worker and plan to send your son/daughter in to school during this period, please complete the link below before 23rd December:

<https://tinyurl.com/ohareturn>

This will allow us time to plan effectively for the first week back in January.

Please note that students who are in the academy will need to be in full school uniform and will start at 8.30am and finish at their normal time.

Yours sincerely,



A Fitzgibbon
Principal