

AWF/NPM

15th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first two weeks of home learning, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank parents, carers, staff and students for their hard work and determination. It is fair to say, it has been a difficult time for all of us, however, we should be extremely proud of how we have responded to the ever-changing environment that we find ourselves in.

The home learning provision has started at pace and despite a few technical glitches here and there, both staff and students seem to be adapting well to their new environment. If you have not had a chance to complete the Parental Feedback Form, please access it through the link below. It is also accessible on the academy website. A big thank you to the large amount who have already completed it. To ensure learning is as productive and as meaningful as it can be, we are very keen to get as much feedback as possible which will allow us to adapt and improve on individual areas.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UN9psdDQekqOFI-2h9eJT8tmWdZaRfZKn5vMCKJp1-JURUJIQkMzNUg0WFM3OEI2NzJYMIpWR0ZYMC4u>

From Monday 18th January, lessons will move to 45 minutes slots. This will give students and staff the opportunity to have a quick break before they move to their next lesson. I'm sure you will agree this is a sensible adjustment for all.

All students will be provided with a home learning resource pack next Monday and Tuesday. We realise that exercise books are running low and we want to ensure all students are as well-resourced as possible.

If there are any students who are struggling with any elements of home learning, please contact your child's Head of Year or Raising Standards Leader and we will do our utmost to support.

Below are the relevant contact details for each year group:

Year 7 RSL – jcollis@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

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

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

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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

If your child is eligible for free school meals, a food parcel will be delivered on Wednesday 20th January, which will include enough food to provide lunch each day for 10 days for one child.

We know that some companies have provided inadequate parcels for some schools which has attracted a lot of bad press. We would like to reassure you that we are using all of the money we receive on supporting our families. Please bear with us with regard to the parcels; we sent out a photo of a sample pack last week, but have adapted it, taking on board comments from our community over the past few days.

The government are not opening up the previous voucher scheme until Monday 18th January. From our experience, we feel this may run the risk of not reaching parents in time, so our aim is to provide the parcels as planned and review the situation over the coming weeks.

Once you have received your parcels, please feedback using the email below:

covid@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

With regard to the lateral test, the students who were in the academy on Wednesday this week were tested. They were understandably a little nervous, but managed themselves commendably and we were very proud of them. Moving forward, we will continue to carry out tests on students and staff who are in the academy on a weekly basis.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the large amount of families who have taken the time to thank the academy or individual staff over the last two weeks. It really does give everyone a boost when we hear positive stories from our community.

Please take care of your families over the coming weeks and I will update you again in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



A Fitzgibbon
Principal