

A remote learning update for Year 10 pupils

Dear Parent/Carer/Pupil

As you all will know, Ellis Guilford School has been setting remote lessons for our pupils, and we have been asking teachers to incorporate video links to ensure a varied and more engaging content. We have been supporting our usual lesson delivery with content mainly from the Oak National Academy; the academy nationally recommended by the Department for Education during these lock down periods.

I am pleased to say that pupils' engagement with Remote Learning has improved week by week and most of our pupils are successfully engaging in learning remotely.

As a school, we have not been streaming live lessons so far. This has been due to the potential of safeguarding concerns when delivering live lessons using the google platform.

Over recent weeks, however, we have been working hard to change that, so that lessons can be delivered live using Microsoft Teams, a platform which is widely used by many schools to deliver this type of lesson. Internet safety and security will always be our number one priority and moving over to a new platform will provide added security.

Therefore, with effect from 22nd February, we will be able to offer some live lesson trials to Year 10 pupils. These will take place as one live lesson per day in the first instance, commencing after the upcoming half term break. The lessons will involve specialist teaching from key members of staff within faculty areas.

These lessons are highly recommended as they will provide direct teaching that will support pupils in completing associated weekly tasks.

Towards the end of this week, all Year 10 pupils will receive log in details for Microsoft Teams. This is the platform that we will be using to deliver these live lessons. Alongside these log-in details, there will also be instructions for how pupils should access the lessons, including web addresses.

We would recommend that pupils follow these instructions to log in prior to the lesson so that the school can be contacted if there are any issues. Any issues can be reported at the following email address: remote.learning@ellisguilfordschool.org.uk

Pupils will be required to log in to the live lessons, 5 minutes before the start time. This will allow for students to be admitted and for the entry ticket to be completed.

Teachers will then deliver direct instruction. Pupils are welcome to ask questions in the chat function. This is a window that allows pupils to type in any questions they might have. These questions can be collated and responded to towards the end of the lesson. If any questions are not answered due to time constraints, the subject teacher will get back to the pupils via Gmail.

At this point, Microsoft Teams is intended to be used alongside Google Classroom. Pupils will still need to access and submit all their work on Google Classroom. The deadline for all work remains Friday at 4pm, although pupils are encouraged to submit work as soon as it is completed.



For now, no action is required. Later this week, you will receive further information detailing pupils' log in details for Microsoft Teams which can be used from the 22nd February. There will also be further information on what lessons will be provided and when.

Kindest regards

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