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Dear Parents

Following the announcement from Boris Johnson yesterday we are now moving to full remote learning provision for the foreseeable future. You will find full details of this provision later in the letter and it will be familiar to everybody who was with us last academic year. If, having read the details, you have any questions, please talk to your child's head of year in the first instance.

All arrangements for student return to school highlighted in previous letters are now cancelled.

## **Key Worker and Vulnerable Student Provision**

We are open for vulnerable students and the children of key workers. These students will be in school, following the same online learning lessons as all other students. If you are a key worker and need to use this service please contact Mrs Grobler: [wgrobler@oakbank.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:wgrobler@oakbank.anthemtrust.uk) Further information will follow for those participating in this provision.

All students participating in this provision will take lateral flow tests for covid-19, these will be taken when students arrive at school and you will have details of the results sent to you.

## **Y11 Provision**

The key message for Y11 is to keep working hard – all the work they do now counts!!

Although GCSE exams will not be happening in the usual way, it is crucial that Y11 continue to work hard towards their qualifications. We do not yet know precisely what the arrangements will be for GCSE assessment, but all the work that Y11 do now will be taken into account in their final results. We had planned mock examinations for Y11 in the coming weeks and we still intend to hold an assessment period of some kind, we are still considering exactly what this will look like and will provide you with all the details as soon as we have them.

## **Y11 iMedia Exam – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

The iMedia exam on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January will take place. All students taking this exam will be expected to take a lateral flow test for covid-19 on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January. A separate letter with details of testing and arrangements for the exam will be sent to all those students involved.

## **Lateral Flow Testing for Covid-19**

All staff and students coming onto the school site will be expected to take lateral flow tests, consent forms and further details are being sent to parents of those students involved. In the fullness of time, when the school reopens, all students will be tested before they return. This will help to ensure the health and safety of all Oakbank students and staff.

### **Laptops**

The return to remote learning will require all students to access Teams and Classcharts. If you do not have the appropriate devices or connectivity to enable your son or daughter to study effectively please contact Mr Prendiville [dprendiville@oakbank.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:dprendiville@oakbank.anthemtrust.uk) We will do all we can to ensure that every Oakbank student is able to access their learning effectively.

### **National Tutoring Programme**

The Online National Tutoring Programme with TLC-Live has already started for some of our students and more will be invited to join later this month so look out for an invitation in your in box. This programme provides live one-to-one online tuition and has already been a great success with many of our students so we are looking to roll it out further.

### **Remote Learning**

All students are expected to follow their normal timetable for their remote lessons each day. They will be notified on ClassCharts by 8am that the day's work is uploaded to MS Teams. The teaching staff will be providing work appropriate to cover 100 minutes of class time. Students are not expected to work beyond the 100 minutes for each remote lesson. Please note that we are expecting the majority of students to stick to their daily timetable and complete the lessons on the day they are set. However, we do appreciate this can sometimes be an issue and we will be giving 3 working days (weekend included) before staff add the non-submissions to Classcharts. If there are any issues or extenuating circumstances please do contact your child's Head of Year who will be able to liaise with the appropriate teachers. Please do refer to our Remote Learning Policy on the school website for more details on our remote learning provision.

### **You Tube Assemblies**

Following the great success of YouTube Assemblies during the last lock down I will be resurrecting these. The first assembly will be at 2pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January. I will send a link to this assembly on Classcharts in due course. If you would like to send any messages, or share any pictures or work that I can highlight during the assembly please send them to [rbertrand@oakbank.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:rbertrand@oakbank.anthemtrust.uk) and I will put them into the assembly!

Yours sincerely

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