24 November 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I do hope everyone in the school community is keeping well. I really must thank all parents and carers for helping the school community to get through this. Whether that is making sure students are arriving on the correct day, or checking that online learning has been completed or simply ensuring PE kit is available to wear. Whatever you are doing please keep it up, it is massively appreciated by everyone here.

Our Year 11 students have been so mature and focused when completing their mock examinations and like the rest of school, have shown tremendous resilience in this difficult situation.

Further information is given below regarding the remaining Year 11 mocks. Please note that when Year 11 are not in exams they must attend their normal lessons. May I remind parents and carers the arrangements for next week only:

Monday

Years 10 & 11 plus Year 9 are in school for face to face teaching. Years 7 & 8 are remote learning.

Tuesday

Years 10 & 11 plus Year 7 are in school for face to face teaching. Years 8 & 9 are remote learning.

Wednesday

Years 10 & 11 plus Year 8 are in school for face to face teaching. Years 7 & 9 are remote learning.

Thursday

Years 10 & 11 plus Year 9 are in school for face to face teaching. Years 7 & 8 are remote learning.

Friday

Years 10 & 11 plus Year 7 are in school for face to face teaching. Years 8 & 9 are remote learning.

Remote Learning

Attached to this communication are further instructions about live MS Teams lessons which we are moving to next week. Please can parents and carers take time to run through these expectations and instructions with students over the weekend. It is vital that if students are having difficulty, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will get back to you at our earliest convenience.

I ask parents and carers to be patient as I am sure they may be some teething troubles as we begin the next phase of our remote learning. The instructions will shortly be available on our website.







Building situation

As stated in previous conversations this week there has been a lot of preparatory work started. Parents and carers will be pleased to know work on a large temporary toilet block has started this week. This will continue over the weekend and through next week to ensure this block becomes available to students as soon as possible. Work has also begun on the groundworks for the temporary classrooms. These classrooms will be based on the disused tennis court at the rear of the school.

This week we have been visited by senior colleagues from the DFE alongside Mary Robinson MP. It was made very clear in these visits the concerns and difficulties faced by the school and community over this situation. All visitors empathised with our difficulties and I am confident their visit will expedite the resolutions.

Keeping safe and well

Please see the school's website, under the Safeguarding tab, for lots of information around keeping physically and mentally well, keeping children safe on-line and for signposting to sources of support.

In addition, Proud Connections Proud Connections is The Proud Trust's programme of bespoke support for LGBT+ young people and the adults in their lives. It comprises live chat online, one to one support (for young people age 13 to 19, or up to 25 with additional needs), a parent support group and a mentoring programme for young people age 16-19 (up to 25 with additional needs).

For more information visit: https://www.theproudtrust.org/proud-connections

The Healthy Stockport website now has a section dedicated for finding support for children and young people and for parents looking for support for their child.

The address is: https://www.healthystockport.co.uk/topic/help-and-support-for-children-and-young-people

Year 11 Practice Exams w/c 27/11/23

We will run the practical exams that were advertised for this week as well as the postponed mathematics and French exams:

Monday 27th November all Year 11 students are in school all day. In the morning all students will be completing the postponed mathematics paper 1 exam. They will then complete the rest of the day in their normal lessons. Students taking French will go to lessons period 2 and 3. They will then go to early lunch and sit the French Listening and Reading papers at 1pm.

Tuesday 28th November all Year 11 students are in school all day. PE GCSE students will be completing their practical PE exam. They should come to school in their school PE kit.

Wednesday 29th November all Year 11 students are in school all day. Art Option A students (Fine Art) Practical exam all day





Thursday 30th November all Year 11 students are in school all day. Art Option C students (Fine Art, Textiles, Graphics) Practical exam all day

Friday 1st **December all Year 11 students are in school all day.** Art Option B students (Fine Art) Practical exam all day.

Finally, I do hope everyone is able to have a restful weekend and please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any assistance.

Yours sincerely

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