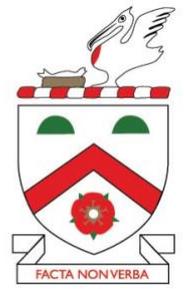


FRED LONGWORTH HIGH SCHOOL



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8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your families are well. I am sending this letter to provide you with updates on the current situation.

Next week

On Monday 11th January, remote learning will commence at 8:45. This slightly earlier time is for a remote form session that will be led by either your child's form tutor or a member of the year team. Please make sure that your child is on Teams by 8:45, ready to access this. Your child's form tutor will set up the invite to the session. Attendance to all remote lessons is being monitored.

If your child is having difficulty accessing provision because they do not have access to a laptop or other suitable device, please contact Mr Whalley on WhalleyJ@flhs.wigan.sch.uk.

Students in school

The critical worker and vulnerable students need to arrive in school by 8:45, they will be accessing remote learning from school. It is important to stress that if your child displays any symptoms of covid you must not send them to school and must inform us immediately using the email address covid@flhs.wigan.sch.uk. Students in school are being supervised in year group bubbles. In the interests safety for all our community and families, if we do have a positive case, bubbles may have to be closed and the students in that bubble will not be able to attend school. We are working hard to establish a covid testing system that will help to identify asymptomatic cases but this is not ready at this stage.

Examinations

This has been a very difficult week for students preparing for examinations in both Year 10 and Year 11. The cancellation of the GCSE examinations in the summer and the vocational examinations scheduled for next week will no doubt have caused a great deal of anxiety for all concerned. For students in Year 10, it is our understanding that there will be opportunities to re-sit the January examinations. For Year 11 exam courses, we know that teacher assessment will form the basis of the final grades and this will be drawn from a range of evidence, OFQUAL are now undertaking a two-week consultation period to draw up their proposals. The results from the recent mock exams will no doubt form a part of the evidence base used to award grades to Year 11 but not exclusively. This means that a disappointing mock result will not necessarily constitute a lower grade. We will be publishing Year 11 mock results on the 25th January. Faculties are currently standardising the results. It is also our understanding that engagement with remote provision is being considered as a factor in the awarding process. For this reason, students in Year 11 must remain fully engaged with remote learning. We will keep you informed as soon as decisions are finalised by OFQUAL and we have the specific details. In the interim, we have postponed the additional subject support sessions that were planned for Year 11 this term.

Year 9 Options

The Year 9 option process is going ahead this term as planned but will be done remotely. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's option choices with a member of the senior team. To facilitate these discussions we will be using School Cloud, the same software we used to conduct the Progress Review meetings in December. Details about the option process and how to book an appointment will be sent out to you by email. You can also find information [here](#).

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank-you for your support over the last week. It has been appreciated. If you do need to contact us, you can use the email address enquiries@flhs.wigan.sch.uk or contact your child's Head of Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Davies', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Mr P Davies
Headteacher