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Dear Parents

While the government requires us to provide remote education to Year 11 from Tuesday 5 January and years 7 to 10 from Monday 11 January, as a Trust and a school we want to ensure education for all our students is disrupted as little as possible and, as such, will be setting work for all students in all year groups from tomorrow (Tuesday 5 January).

However, the priority for 'live' lessons this week will be for Year 11 students as they prepare for their mock exams in February.

Work will be set on google classroom for every subject – so it is vital that students have accepted the invitation for every subject classroom to be able to access their work. Knowledge organisers for years 7 to 9 are available on the school website under remote learning and additional resources for years 7 and 8 will also be accessible in the same location.

On Wednesday 6 January at 8.30am there will be a tutor session which all students are expected to engage with. The link will be available on google classroom.

From 11 January, our formal remote learning contingency plans will kick in, meaning that all students will receive a minimum of one 'live' lesson in every sequence of 3 for each subject. These 'live' lessons will take the form of either a pre-recorded lesson, a power point with a voice-over from the teacher or a lesson delivered online. Alongside these lessons, work will be set via a variety of tasks and activities, leading to relevant feedback and development when students return to school or online, should government plans change in the meantime. Further information will be sent regarding this at the end of this week.

Students eligible for free school meals will be emailed vouchers later this week.

Please be reminded that students should continue to comply with the rules set out for Tier 4 (or the relevant local Tier allocation) and parents are asked to ensure that their children are following those rules (particularly with regards to mixing with other households when they are not in school).

Lastly, during the early part of this week we will be working with Norfolk County Council and the Department for Education representatives to organise the mass testing programme for all of our staff and students and will be in touch again with further details as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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