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Ref:MCG/ber/Parent Comms

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you are aware the Government has delayed the return of students to Secondary schools. As it currently stands, we anticipate that Year 11 and 13 students will return from Monday 11th January 2021, and other Year groups will return from Monday 18th January 2021. Whilst the students are not in school, all lessons will be delivered live by teachers via Google Classroom. Students will access their Live Lessons through their School Google account, and Google Meet.

Whilst the students remain at home, the school will continue to take registers and inform parents of any issues. Students will continue following the curriculum, and it will be recorded if there are any IT issues at home. Lessons will be slightly shorter to allow students a 'virtual' changeover. This will help ensure there is a sensible approach to the amount of time that students spend in front of a computer screen.

I remind you that during live lessons we hold the same high expectations of effort and behaviour, and students' cameras must be switched off. Students must be ready to learn and have all necessary equipment for the lesson. Please communicate with your child's relevant Head of Year if there are any issues that the school may be able to help with, and we will do our best to support.

Year 7 has not had the same experience as older students with Google Classroom. It is very intuitive once logged in, and we ensured that all Year 7 students have logged into their Google account. Students must be ready to learn and have all necessary equipment for the lesson. If there are any issues can your child please email Mr Jones, rjones@bishopshalt.school and Mrs Denial, jdenial@bishopshalt.school before 10.30am on Monday 4th January 2021.

The student's week will start on Monday 4th January, with a Virtual Assembly at 11am, followed by Lesson 3.

The timing of each day from Tuesday 5th of January is as follows.

| Tutor Time | L1 | L2 | L3 | L4 | L5 |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 8.50 - 9.15 | 9.25 - 10.10 | 10.20 - 11.05 | 11.35-12.25 | 12.45 - 1.35 | 2.30 - 3.20 |

BTEC / CTEC and Trial Examinations

For students in Year 11 and the Sixth Form who have external exams next week, these will continue. We will communicate these arrangements directly with you on Monday 4th January. The Year 12 Trial Exams, due to start on the 4th January, will continue but be delayed until the week beginning the Monday 18th January.



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Rapid asymptomatic testing for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We will update parents and carers in the early next week about the school's work in relation to asymptomatic testing using lateral flow tests.

Free School Meals and Key Worker Children

Thank you to the parents that responded to my previous communication around children of Key Workers. Please ensure that if you are a Key Worker, and you haven't requested a place, you do so before **12pm on Friday the 1st January** to enable the school to prepare.

Students from Key Worker families or key groups who are attending school and are entitled to Free School Meals will be able to access their lunch on site in the usual way. For students entitled to Free School Meals who will not be attending school, we will contact you directly on Monday 4th January to inform you of details regarding Free School Meal provision.

We will continue to receive information and guidance in the coming days; therefore, I will write to you again next week with further information on a number of matters.

Finally, I thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely



L McGillicuddy (Mr)
Headteacher