



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”  
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



8 January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

First of all I am writing to wish you a Happy New Year and hope you and your families are well at this difficult time. I am pleased with how the majority of students have engaged with their remote learning this week, but please do not hesitate to contact me if your child is struggling either emotionally or academically.

We are aware of the anxieties that students may be experiencing regarding the fact that their GCSE's are fast approaching and, following on from the communication from Mr Huntington, I am writing to detail what the provision for Year 10 students will look like as of the 11 January 2021:

- An assembly will be available on the Year 10 google classroom every Monday at 8.50.
- A minimum of 60% of your child's lessons will be live on Google Meets.
- All codes to these lessons will be posted by the classroom teacher on Google Classroom.
- All other lessons will be pre-recorded and posted on Google Classroom.
- Tutor time resources posted on the Year 10 Google Classroom.
- A compulsory tutor session at 8.50 with your child's Form Tutor to give opportunity to discuss any issues (timetable below):

Tutor	Day	Time
MW	Tuesday	8.50 -9.10
DPW	Tuesday	8.50- 9.10
KAB	Tuesday	8.50-9.10
TRM	Tuesday	8.50-9.10
MAS	Wednesday	8.50-9.10
SJH	Wednesday	8.50-9.10
LJH	Wednesday	8.50-9.10
HMP	Wednesday	8.50-9.10

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Some students will feel unphased by the latest lockdown, whilst others will feel a sense of heightened anxiety. It is vitally important that students look after their physical and mental well-being. Below are a few things that I believe will help:

- Get into their normal school routine.
- Follow their normal school timetable.
- Find a good working space within the house.
- Access the drop in sessions offered by their tutors.
- Exercise within the current lockdown rules.
- Interact with friends online.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Complete well-being activities on the Year 10 classroom.

In order to help students plan when their live lessons are and for you to assist with this, I have included a blank timetable in the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EYnufJRK4sALb8nZ3v-5ayh12UENxQsy/view>

On Monday students should use this to write down which lessons they have for the coming week and whether or not they are "live" lessons or work set to do independently. They should make a copy and complete it themselves using information from their Google Classrooms.

I am aware that these are unprecedented times and the situation is ever changing, but your child needs to show great independence, resilience and dedication towards their studies as everything they do now will count towards their GCSE grades at the end of Year 11. Since September they have made a wonderful start to their GCSE courses and need to maintain the momentum. All students have access to Google Classroom and need to log onto this every day. Please get in contact if you have any issues with this.

For students who are struggling to access Google Classroom or Google Meets, please see the support videos below:

Google Classroom: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsZBHGx1iw4>

Google Meets: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fPJpm-5Cco>

For all SEND students there will be 3 daily drop in sessions, these are non-compulsory but will support your child's learning. They will be led by members of the inclusion and intervention team. Parents have been emailed with the codes to access these sessions; any questions please contact your child's key worker.

They will run at the following times each day:

08:40-09:10am Maths

1:25-1:55pm English

2:55-3:25pm Science

In relation to Safeguarding, if any concerns arise in regards to a child's well-being, physical and/or mental health please email [safeguarding@heanorgate.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@heanorgate.derbyshire.sch.uk) If it is an urgent concern or out of school hours please contact:

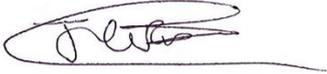
Call Derbyshire (Derbyshire County Council Social Services) on 01629533190

First Contact (Derby City Council Social Services) on 01332 641172

Finally despite students not being in school, it is important that we still capture details of any positive cases amongst our student population. Therefore, can I please ask that if your son or daughter tests positive for COVID-19 that you keep us informed as per usual.

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school as soon as possible, but in the meantime please stay safe and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any issues.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Wright', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Wright  
Y10 Achievement Leader