



# 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

I hope you and your family are safe, well and have had a good Christmas break. As I am sure you will appreciate, this wasn't the start back we expected to have. However, staff and students have already had a successful first week back of home learning and this is a testament to their hard work, resilience and parental/carers support.

Earlier today there was a whole school letter which was sent out and I hope you have had time to read through and digest the information regarding provision for home learning from next week. I just wanted to send this communication through to be clear on what that means specifically for Year 7 students.

Year 7 students will now receive a 'blended' learning offer meaning they will have a mix of live lessons and home learning work set. Therefore, they will receive a minimum of 1 'live' lesson per faculty via Google Meets. This will equate to a minimum of 8 hours live teaching per week. All other lessons will either include pre-recorded content or tasks set to be completed independently. These will be posted on Google Classroom.

In addition, the achievement team will also continue to support students pastorally. We will be offering students:

- **A weekly drop in tutor session** – Year 7 tutors will be offering a compulsory 20 minute drop in for Year 7 on a Google Meet once per week where students can check in with their tutor.
- **Weekly assembly** - delivered on Monday mornings to help students get up and get the week started successfully.
- **Health and wellbeing** - students can access support on their Year 7 Google classroom for mental health and well-being links and information. They will also be able to contact their tutor, Miss Hulland (Achievement Leader) or Mrs McLeod (Assistant Achievement Leader). This can help support alongside routines.
- **Weekly challenges** - we appreciate that students will complete work at different speeds and if they find they want some additional activities some will be placed on the Year 7 Google Classroom for them.

Tutor support is as follows:-

Tuesday	08.50-9.10	SB, PSA, JOB
Wednesday	08.50-9.10	RS, AHI
Thursday	08.50-9.10	SMB, KCR
Friday	08.50-9.10	AHA

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The Google Meet code will be their year followed by the tutor initials, for example 7JOB

### School day

Routines for all students are absolutely essential. As a parent/carer I urge you to ensure that your child has a good sleep routine and are up, awake and ready to learn for 8.45am. They then need to carefully check Google Classroom for their timetabled lessons that day to establish what work they need to complete and which live lessons they need to attend.

For clarity, all students will follow a general school timetable:-

8.50am	Tutor time
9.10am	Period 1
10.10am	Period 2
11.10am	Break
11.25am	Period 3
12.25pm	Period 4
13.25pm	Lunch
13.55pm	Period 5

The following link will allow you to print or digitally write in your child's timetable with them so you can monitor them daily or weekly, if you wish to. I advise noting down if the lesson is live, or work set, so your child knows. This information will be made clear on Monday which lessons will be live via Google Classroom.

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

### SEND

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. You have been emailed with the codes to access these sessions, any questions please contact your child's keyworker.

They will run at the following times each day:-

8.40am-09.10am Maths

1.25pm-1.55pm English

2.55-3.25pm Science

## Safeguarding

In relation to safeguarding, if any concerns arise regarding 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 01629 533190

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

## ICT Support

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>

After this, if you are having any technical issues accessing material then you can log any questions or concerns with the ICT technical team using this email address: [IThelpdesk@heanorgate.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:IThelpdesk@heanorgate.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Lastly, I want to thank you for your continued support as parents/carers in helping the school and community to help reduce the spread of the virus and continue to remain safe and socially distanced. 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 child tests positive for COVID-19 that you keep us informed.

If there is any further information or support needed please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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