



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

Happy New Year to you all, I hope this letter finds everyone safe and well.

You will have today received a comprehensive letter from our Executive Principal detailing the remote learning provision for all students over the next five weeks. Having had time to read and digest this information I would like to reiterate for you what this actually means for your child as a Year 9 student.

From Monday 11 January every Year 9 student will receive a minimum of one live lesson each week for each subject faculty area. Students will be notified by their teachers on Google Classroom, at the beginning of each week, which lessons will be live and a code will be given. The link below is a blank weekly timetable which I would like your child to copy at the start of each week and annotate with their live lessons for that week. This can then be displayed somewhere in the house as a reminder for yourselves and your child that they must log into the lesson. Can I stress that the live lessons are NOT an option and every student should be logging into them. If there are any technical issues which prevent this please let us know immediately and we will help resolve them.

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

Their remaining lessons for each of their subjects will be work set on their Google Classroom and should be completed daily in line with their school timetable and uploaded for their teachers to view. Any students completing work quickly should use our independent learning platforms such as Hegarty Maths and Doodle to extend their learning.

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/Carers 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:

8.40-9.10am Maths
1.25-1.55pm English
2.55-3.25pm Science

As an achievement team we are very conscious of the lack of face to face contact we are able to have with our students but want to reassure them that we are still there to support every student as we would in school. It is, therefore, of paramount importance that they log into our Year 9 Google Classroom daily for any notices and information we need to give them and message us through this platform if they have any questions or concerns.

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I will be posting an assembly on here every Monday morning at 8.50am and I expect every student to log into this to start their week off together as a year group. I will be monitoring this and contacting any students who fail to do so. It may be good to put this onto their weekly timetable alongside their live lessons. In school all students would be completing activities during tutor time which form part of their daily timetable. These will be placed into the Year 9 Google Classroom each week for completion.

Our tutor team will be providing a tutor time live Google Meet every Tuesday morning during normal tutor time, 8.50-9.10am and students are expected to join this each week. The code will be placed in their tutor time Google Classroom. This will enable our tutors to provide pastoral support to all of our students.

For those students receiving free school meals, following this week's food parcel, vouchers should now have been received for the following week. Please contact school if there are any problems with this.

With regards to any future COVID-19 positive cases; 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 as usual.

These are unprecedented times for us all and all students and families will deal with the current situation differently. However, more than ever now it is important that your child remains in a routine, gets plenty of sleep, gets up to begin the day at the normal school time, continues to eat well, takes physical exercise in accordance with government guidance and most importantly limits time on electronic devices such as PlayStations and xboxes. Mr Stone and I are here to support you all in whatever way we can, please do not hesitate to contact us should you require anything at all.

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 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

Whilst we appreciate remote learning is challenging for all of us, I'm sure you will agree that what has been put into place for your child is an outstanding comprehensive provision and will ensure their continued learning has minimal disruption. This, however, relies on the engagement of every student and we are asking for your support in this. Year 9 is an extremely important year in your child's education, they have already begun some of their GCSE courses, and are laying the foundations for other subjects that they will be choosing in their Pathways choices later in the year. Therefore, as an achievement team we will be monitoring every student's weekly engagement in their remote learning and contacting home, should this not be sufficient, to offer our support.

Finally, a personal thank you for your support so far in what has been, at times, a difficult year for everyone and I am certain that by continuing to work together we will ensure the best for every student.

Yours sincerely



Louise Boyles
Year 9 Achievement Leader