

Information for Pupils and Parents 19th January 2021

Form Period

As mentioned last week, in an effort to further support pupil wellbeing, we are running daily Form Period check in sessions, which all pupils will be required to attend. We are now in a position to proceed with this in **all year groups**.

Form sessions will begin tomorrow morning (Wednesday 20th January). Pupils have already been informed of this via their Learning Leaders.

Here is a reminder of the timings:

Key Stage 3 - 8.30 - 8.45

Key Stage 4&5 - 8.50 - 9.05

Form Tutors will email a link to pupils a couple of minutes before the session is due to start. Please note that only pupils who have provided consent will be able to attend these sessions.

Teaching and Learning Provision

KS3 (Yrs 7, 8 and 9)

Pupils in Yr7, Yr8 and Yr9 will continue with our current pattern of provision for the remainder of this week.

Teachers will provide a variety of asynchronous material, including pre-recorded video material according to the timetable below. Two separate Learning Areas will set home learning materials/tasks each day. All work will be set via Google Classroom.

Work will be set by 9am on the designated day so that pupils can work through materials at their own pace. Any assignments completed at home should be submitted using the Google Classroom platform.

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	iThink	iDiscover	iCalculate
	iCommunicate	iCreate/iThrive	iThink
Year 8	iCreate/iThrive	iThink	iDiscover
	iCalculate	iCommunicate	iCreate/iThrive
Year 9	iCommunicate	iCreate/iThrive	iThink
	iDiscover	iCalculate	iCommunicate

- Pupils should receive approximately 3 hours of work per day

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)

Please note that we are resuming our live lesson provision for all pupils in KS4 (Yr10 and Yr11).

From tomorrow (Wednesday 20th) pupils **in Yr10 and Yr11** will receive 'online' sessions for all lessons scheduled on their 'normal' timetables (with some minor exceptions in RE, Games and Welsh Bacc). Teachers will be delivering a variety of 'online' learning that is tailored to the needs of individual classes.

At Olchfa, 'Online' lessons/sessions are defined as:

- **live session delivered using Google Meet**
 - **teacher delivery/lecture**
 - **Q&A session**
 - **short exposition/demonstration to support set task**
 - **live teacher support for learners as they work through a task**
- **pre-recorded instructional video**

Work will be set at the start of each lesson so it is important that pupils are ready to engage in their learning. Some of the sessions will be 'live' (synchronous) and, if this is the case, teachers will send relevant information to pupils in advance, via Google Classroom, so that they are able to join the 'meet'. Assignments completed at home should be submitted using the Google Classroom platform.

KS4 teachers will not be setting additional directed tasks outside of the scheduled lesson. Pupils should only complete what they can manage in the designated lesson slot.

Years 12 and Year 13 (KS5)

Please note that we are resuming our online provision for pupils in Yr12 and Yr13.

All students in the Sixth Form will receive online learning materials for **all lessons** scheduled on their 'normal' timetables. All work will be set via Google Classroom.

Teachers will be delivering a variety of 'online' learning that is tailored to the needs of individual classes.

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 - **live teacher support for learners as they work through a task**
- **pre-recorded instructional video**

Work will be set at the start of their timetabled slot so it is important that students are ready to engage in their learning. Some of the sessions will be 'live' (synchronous) and, if this is the case, teachers will send relevant information to pupils in advance, via Google Classroom, so that they are able to join the 'meet'. Asynchronous material will be posted at the start of the timetabled lesson.

KS5 teachers will continue to set additional directed tasks that students will be expected to undertake independently. These tasks may be linked to the online sessions so it is very important that students engage in all timetabled sessions. Assignments completed at home should be submitted using the Google Classroom platform.

Please note that, in all cases, the safeguarding of staff and pupils will remain our main priority when 'live' sessions are conducted. All pupils/students wishing to participate in 'live' sessions will need to sign and adhere to our 'Acceptable Use Policy'.