

5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sadly, I am writing to you at the start of another national lockdown which has required all schools to close with the exception of provision for a small proportion of children. We are hugely disappointed by this, but do understand that the new variant of the virus has spread rapidly in London and the South East of England in particular, and has had a significant impact on secondary school aged children and in turn, the communities that support them.

The majority of students will now revert to remote learning until February half term at the earliest. As mentioned in my previous letter, students should be logged on to Google Classroom and ready for their learning at 8.45am on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th January for an 8.50am start to the day and will follow their normal timetable. Tutorial sessions and assemblies will start from Monday 11th January onwards and will begin at 8.30am. **All students will be expected to participate** and will need to be online by 8.30am. Tutors and Year Leaders will be communicating plans and expectations over the coming days. Weekly remote learning plans will be shared with students via Google Classroom by each subject teacher and we are also in the process of constructing a dedicated page on the school website to support remote learning.

A brief explanation from Mr Beale can be found [here](#).

Please note that we will be reverting to our standard timings of the school day as outlined below. This will be particularly important for lessons that are provided live via Google Meets.

Tutorial	8.30am - 8.45am
P1	8.50am - 9.50am
P2	9.55am - 10.55am
P3	11.20am -12.20pm
P4	12.25pm - 13.25pm
P5	14.00pm - 15.00pm

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GCSE and A level Examinations Summer 2021

I know that the announcement that the summer 2021 exams have been cancelled will be a huge blow to students in Years 11 and 13 as well as their family members. As a school, we are massively disappointed as we know how hard the overwhelming majority of students have been working throughout their GCSE and A level courses. It is clear that both Ofqual and the exam boards were not expecting this announcement.

The communication that the school has received this morning has stated that the exam boards remain unclear about the processes that will be put in place to ensure that all students receive fair grading this summer. I will ensure that parents, carers and students are updated at the earliest possible time. In the meantime, it will be important that students in these (and other) year groups do their absolute best to continue to focus on their studies throughout this difficult period.

Please do try not to speculate about possible grading for this summer. We will be sharing outcomes from the December trial examinations in the coming weeks and will continue to support the students throughout. I would also ask that parents and students do not contact members of staff regarding potential centre assessment grades (CAGs) as this will detract from the important process of supporting their ongoing education.

Vocational Examinations January 2021

The OCR and BTEC vocational examinations that are scheduled over the coming weeks are expected to go ahead as planned. Students who are scheduled to sit these examinations should continue to prepare in the best way possible given the current restrictions. We will ensure that more detailed information is provided for these students and their parents over the coming days.

Keyworker and EHCP Students

All families in these categories who have expressed a wish to send their child back into school have now been contacted individually. If you have not heard back from us, please contact the school office as a matter of urgency tomorrow (office@vynersschool.org.uk).

We very much appreciate that the pandemic (and subsequent lockdowns) has had a different impact on different individuals and families. We will continue to work to provide support for our students and their families throughout this time. However, if parents and carers do feel that we can provide further support then please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Yours sincerely,



Gary Mullings
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