

Monday 4th January 2021



Happy New Year to all, I hope you managed a restful Christmas period and managed to enjoy some time with loved ones.

It seems that everyday (if not more) we have another change in the educational landscape which staff, students and parents are having to respond to and I want to thank everyone for being so flexible as we all enter another period of lockdown, but this time without the sunshine!

I am pleased to say that the start to “Live” lessons for Year 11 this week has been very successful and it is extremely pleasing to see that that vast majority of students are accessing and enjoying these lessons. In an imperfect world I hope that these lessons give a sense of normality and connection that will help us to keep going until we can be together as a school community again.

The live lessons will begin for all students from Monday 11th January so I would ask that students check that they are confident logging on before Monday as they complete their set work this week.

We are now set up for testing and will start with staff and those students who are in school and you will have seen a letter asking for consent to test pupils so that when they do return we are able to start the process as quickly as possible.

As you will have heard examinations in the Summer have been cancelled and we await to see what form the assessments will take. As I said to Year 11 this week the only way that students can guarantee getting the grades they deserve, now as ever, is to do their best in all that they do. I do also recognise that this must be a very troubling and disconcerting time for Year 11 in particular but as I have said to many students this week, it will all be ok in the end the message of the moment is very much to keep going and looking after each other.

Wishing you all good health and please do get in touch if there are any questions or worries you may have at this difficult time.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14:27

Best Wishes
Simon Martin