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Dear Secondary Student and Parents

Secondary Teaching and Learning for the Post Easter Virtual School

Well done to you all for your fantastic engagement and hard work since we have had to close the Academy and move to the Virtual School. You have demonstrated the resilience and commitment that we knew you would and we are very proud.

As we move into a new term starting Monday 20th April, and having taken on board what you have shared with us through the Parent/Student surveys, we have reshaped the timetable to better fit a “working at home” model as opposed to our normal routine in school.

[The timetable can be found here.](#)

In these very different times, it is really important that you look after yourself physically and mentally, so we have built in opportunities during your virtual school day to help with this. Linked on the timetable too is a **[Challenge Mat](#)** of learning that you can use to support your creative and practical subjects. Please share your work with your teachers in these subjects as you have been doing. We encourage you, however, to have some flexibility and independence over which task you choose to do and how you choose to do them.

The move to our Virtual School has meant a real shift for you, your parents and your teachers and so we thought now would be a good time to take some of your frequently asked questions and clarify some of the logistics of how things will work from now on. Please see pages 2 and 3 of this letter.

Well done and an enormous thank you for all your hard work! Keep it up.

Yours faithfully

The Faculty Directors

Ms Detterick (Blue), Ms Winsborough (Green) and Ms Board (Orange) Mr Dawson (Pastoral)



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Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

FAQ	Agreed protocol
When will my lessons be available in the classroom?	<p>We will aim to get all of your lessons onto the classroom at 8:30am on the day of the lesson. All deadlines (or interim deadlines) are 21:00 on the same day. We have done this because we know that some of you will share devices with other people in your house. If you are in Year 10 or 11 and have option subjects, the lessons for the week will be uploaded for the first lesson so they are available to both option groups.</p>
When do I submit work?	<p>You will need to submit work by the daily deadline for each lesson, either on docs or whichever alternative platform it might be set on (Seneca, Kerboodle, Maths Watch etc).</p> <p>When work goes over several lessons (this might never be the case in some subjects), you should still hand in evidence of your work by the daily deadline. This will then be handed back by your teacher for you to continue with next time.</p>
When is the best time to contact my teacher with questions about my work?	<p>In most cases your teacher will be online to be able to support you with any questions during your scheduled lesson.</p> <p>In most cases, issues will be dealt with by your own class teacher, but sometimes another member of the subject team might help you instead.</p> <p>Work will be returned to you after completion but won't be commented on every lesson.</p>
How will my teachers give me feedback on my work?	<p>Teachers will feedback to you on your work frequently, but not every lesson. Some of that feedback will be in a feedback session - like it would be in your normal classes- and some will be on your own work or in batch feedback to your group.</p>
I sometimes press "Hand in" but don't actually turn in my work. Is this ok?	<p>Please make sure that you always turn in work in google docs/slides for every lesson. It is the only way your teacher can check that you are understanding and keeping up with the work. If you don't give in work, you are likely to get an email from your teacher.</p>
I have been doing work in my book not on-line.	<p>Work should be done in google docs or slides. The only exception to this would be if you have an IT issue that you should have already flagged up to your teachers. If this is the case, you will need to take a photo of your work and submit it.</p>
There are marks out of 100 being given for my work now - what do the scores mean?	<p>0 = no work 75 = work that is not up to standard 90 = work that is up to standard but needs correcting 100 = work completed 105 = excellent work- positive point issued on progress</p> <p>The only exception to this will be for specific exam questions with a specified mark allocation and mark scheme.</p>



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<p>Will we still be sitting knowledge organiser quizzes?</p>	<p>Years 7-10 will continue to have 10 question weekly KOs.</p> <p>Your 50 question quizzes will be held in the week beginning 4th May.</p> <p>These quizzes will be built into your lessons and are likely to be on a self-marking google form.</p>
<p>What will happen if I have not done my work?</p>	<p>Your teacher will contact you if you have not handed in work by the deadline.</p> <p>If you do not hand in any work for a subject during the week, your teacher will contact your parents regarding this, and will let their Subject Coordinator, your tutor and the Pastoral Lead for your Key Stage know.</p>