

THE SACRED HEART LANGUAGE COLLEGE

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Dear Parent,

this week we commence upon our full programmes of remote learning for all year groups. What this means is that pupils will be able to follow their timetable and access a full range of learning materials. This includes:

- Live lessons where they will be able to touch base with their teachers and check understanding.
- Recorded lessons where they will be taught content of particular topics.
- Tasks and resources that may be set on the class Team or via Show My Homework.
- Weekly assembly and pastoral curriculum time with their form tutor.

Pupils should be very familiar with accessing Show my Homework and their Teams classroom following the steps given in the training videos that they followed last term.

To ensure this works as smoothly as possible pupils should follow the protocols and expectations that have previously been shared with them. For your benefit these include:

- Following our high expectations regarding behaviours for learning.
- Switching on the camera in live lessons if possible so that the teacher can see them to check understanding.
- Microphone on mute to block out feedback and background noises unless needed as part of class discussion.
- Dressing appropriately for all lessons although this does not have to be school uniform.
- Completing and submitting all work as requested.
- All live lessons are recorded by the teacher as part of our safeguarding protocols.

Pupils should adhere to a daily routine and the normal length of their school day. Whilst on remote learning the only change will be that all pupils will have their lunch break slot from 12.15-1.00 p.m.

If pupils are having any difficulty they should contact their teacher in the first instance.

Public examinations

The government have announced that we will be moving to teacher assessment to inform these GCSE grades. We are still awaiting details from the various examination boards. The key message for all our pupils is that we will support them through this process. The results that they gain in their PPEs is an indication of what further learning that they need to undertake. The coming months are an important opportunity for them to work hard and make further progress to help their teachers have sufficient evidence for grades that reflect their ability.



In the meantime, careers interviews will continue with all our Year 11 pupils.

Pupil progress

This Wednesday we will be holding our virtual reporting evening for Year 10. Please ensure that you have made your appointments.

In the coming weeks we will also be undertaking additional reports for all year groups on their engagement with remote learning.

Lateral flow testing

For your information we will be commencing our programme of testing for staff and pupils who are in attendance in the school building this week. Those parents have already been contacted. This provides us with a good opportunity to ensure this goes smoothly in preparation for rolling out to other pupils on their return to school.

In the meantime, it is so important that all stay home and remain safe.

Very best wishes to you and your family,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Geraldine Higgins'.

Geraldine A. Higgins
Executive Headteacher