



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday, 11 February 2021

Dear Students and Parents

Remote Learning Update – Year 8

Thank you for your continued support, hard work and enthusiasm through this challenging period. Our students have continued to impress us with their efforts and have risen to the challenge of online learning. I would also like to pay tribute to my colleagues for their hard work and drive to ensure that we are delivering learning in the best way we can and to ensure that all of our students have the best chance of success. At a time when we hear so much in the media about lost learning and catch up, I feel strongly that students at QPHS are not disadvantaged in relation to the curriculum and that provided that they engage with the provision they are in a strong position around learning.

Thank you all for your feedback to our survey last week. It has helped us to evaluate what is going well and to make a few tweaks to what we are doing to further enhance things. We have also attached a FAQ document at the end of this letter which outlines some of the key points where further information was requested. We will continue with a mixture of live lessons and set work for students in years 7-9 and this will continue to run in accordance with the normal timetable. I have attached an outline timetable to show where live input will take place for your year group. There may be additional live lessons to support assessment etc. and you should check posts to ensure that you are able to attend. To reiterate, live input will take different forms and will be varied to support both student and teachers in relation to the amount of screen time they are exposed to. Examples will include: full lesson with teacher on screen, teacher input for a period of time and then work set for students to complete, teacher check-ins at various points during the lesson etc. When staff are not live on screen, they will be available to answer questions during the timetabled lesson. Normally this will be via the chat function for the lesson, but staff will let students know the best way to contact them.

Furthermore, having been well supported by all parties in our survey, we will add in a well-being/screen-free afternoon once per week. For the weeks beginning 22nd February and 1st March, these will take place on Wednesday afternoon. Our plan is to rotate days, but we are also waiting for updated guidance on the planned return to school so will keep you updated once we are in possession of this information. Based on feedback, we have put together a 'menu' of challenges for students (attached) to complete during these afternoons. It would be lovely if photographs of students completing challenges and/or end products could be sent into school to challenges@qphs.co.uk so that we can share in and celebrate the work.

For now, I wish you all a happy and restful half term. I appreciate that it won't be the usual 'holiday' but please do take the opportunity to unwind and get plenty of fresh air and to do some of the things which make you happy!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Scanlon

Senior Assistant Headteacher



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Live Lesson Timetable:

For the core subjects of English, maths and science, you will need to check your class code.

Please note: there will be some live lessons for drama to support assessment and practical opportunities next half term. These will be scheduled as appropriate and may be different for different individuals and groups within a class, hence they won't appear on the timetable below. Please check your class channel for information.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1					
1	W8WAS Spanish	8a/Ma1 Maths 8a/Ma2 Maths 8a/Ma3 Maths 8b/Sc1 Science 8b/Sc2 Science	E8GRI Music E8MCB Geog G8COG Geog	E8GRI History E8MCB Art	8a/En1 English 8a/En2 English 8a/En3 English W8NIX Tech
2	E8GRI RE E8MCB Spanish G8COG RE 8b/En1 English 8b/En2 English	8a/Sc1 Science 8a/Sc2 Science W8NIX History W8WAS History	W8NIX Art W8WAS Music	8a/En2 English W8NIX Geog W8WAS Art	8a/Ma1 Maths 8a/Ma2 Maths 8a/Ma3 Maths 8b/Sc1 Science
3	8a/En1 English 8a/En2 English 8a/En3 English	E8GRI Spanish G8COG Spanish	8a/Ma1 Maths 8a/Ma2 Maths 8a/Ma3 Maths 8b/En2 English	8a/Sc1 Science 8a/Sc2 Science 8a/Sc3 Science W8NIX Spanish W8WAS Geog	E8GRI Spanish E8MCB RE G8COG Spanish 8b/Ma1 Maths 8b/Ma2 Maths
4	E8MCB Music 8b/Ma1 Maths 8b/Ma2 Maths	G8COG History 8b/Ma1 Maths 8b/Ma2 Maths	8a/En2 English 8b/Ma1 Maths 8b/Ma2 Maths	8a/Ma1 Maths 8a/Ma2 Maths 8a/Ma3 Maths W8NIX ICT W8WAS History	G8COG ICT 8b/En1 English 8b/En2 English
5	8a/Ma1 Maths 8a/Ma2 Maths 8a/Ma3 Maths		G8COG Tech	E8MCB History 8b/Sc2 Science	W8NIX RE

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Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	E8GRI Geog	E8GRI Tech E8MCB Tech 8b/Sc1 Science 8b/Sc2 Science	8a/Ma1 Maths 8a/Ma2 Maths 8a/Ma3 Maths 8b/En1 English 8b/En2 English	8a/Ma1 Maths 8a/Ma2 Maths 8a/Ma3 Maths W8WAS History	E8GRI Geog G8COG Spanish
2	E8MCB Spanish 8b/Ma1 Maths 8b/Ma2 Maths	8a/Sc1 Science 8a/Sc2 Science	E8GRI History G8COG Geog W8WAS Spanish	E8GRI Spanish E8MCB ICT	E8GRI ICT E8MCB Spanish
3	G8COG Music W8NIX Spanish W8WAS Geog	8a/Ma1 Maths 8a/Ma2 Maths 8a/Ma3 Maths W8NIX History	E8MCB Geog G8COG History	G8COG Art W8NIX Geog	8a/Sc3 Science W8NIX Music W8WAS RE
4	8a/En1 English 8a/En2 English 8a/En3 English W8WAS ICT	8a/En2 English W8WAS Tech	8a/Sc3 Science	8b/Ma1 Maths 8b/Ma2 Maths	8b/Ma1 Maths 8b/Ma2 Maths
5			E8GRI Art E8MCB History 8b/Ma1 Maths 8b/Ma2 Maths	8b/En2 English	8a/En1 English 8a/En2 English 8a/En3 English W8WAS Spanish



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Remote Learning – Frequently Asked Questions

What are the school's expectations around the setting of homework?

During the period of lockdown, the school has decided to support students' wellbeing by limiting the amount of 'screen time' they are expected to undertake. As such, there is no expectation for students to be completing homework out of normal school hours, although students in exam years will be encouraged to revise for examinations once these arrangements have been confirmed. 6th Form students who normally have independent study periods may be asked to complete work outside of their normal lessons, but this will not require them to work beyond the school day.

What are the expectations of the school around PE?

Due to the restrictions of lockdown and the access to space and/or resources, it is not feasible for PE teachers to deliver effective lessons remotely. However, the PE staff set weekly tasks for students to support their own health, fitness and wellbeing as well as theory based exercises. Students are encouraged to take advantage of their hour a day entitlement to exercise and we would welcome support from home to promote this. In addition, challenges are regularly set by the PE staff on social media to encourage active engagement with exercise activities.

How do students receive feedback?

For the vast majority of lessons, feedback will be formative and live. Teachers will use live lesson time to gauge student understanding through the use of virtual whiteboards, the elicitation of answers through verbal questioning or low-stakes testing through online quiz platforms such as Kahoot or through Microsoft Forms.

What assessments are students expected to complete for each subject and how is progress tracked?

All subjects are expected to track and monitor student progress and engagement. Teachers will use EduLink to contact home if students are absent from a lesson. This will be escalated should these absences continue. When completing work, curriculum teams have adopted a subject based consistent approach to the monitoring of student progress which is outlined on the appendix attached.

Where will work be set for students to complete when students are not engaged in a 'live' lesson?

All work set for students will be on their subject's Teams channel. This is the first port of call for students when engaging in both live and non-live lessons.

Where do I find work/tasks in Teams for my child to complete?

Each subject your child studies has its own Teams channel. These are immediately visible once they login to the app (using their school network login and password). Within each team there is a Posts tab in which staff will post work, links or indicate where to find the work for a particular lesson. This is usually in the Files section or added in as a separate document into the conversation. If a live lesson is scheduled to take place, students can either join via the link which will be placed in the relevant Teams channel, or via their calendar on Teams.

Who do I contact if I have a question about a technical issue or problems with software?

Our ICT Support team are here to support with any technical queries relating to the free download and access to Microsoft 365 applications which includes Teams. There are useful guides uploaded to the website which will help resolve most issues without the need for contacting school. However, if you do need more specific guidance you can contact the ICT support team via email: ictsupport@qphs.co.uk

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Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's engagement?

If you have a general concern about your child's engagement with online learning, please email their subject teacher in the first instance or for more generic concerns, their group tutor.

Where should my child be completing their work?

Teachers will clearly indicate to students in their lessons where work should be completed. Students may be asked to use their school books (which are available for collection from school or, if this is not practicable, we can arrange for them to be dropped off), or may be asked to work online using Microsoft Word, Class Notebook or on a specific set assignment which can be found in the 'assignments' tab on the Teams channel.

Is my child expected to have their camera on in their lessons? What safeguarding procedures do you have in place in relation to this?

We believe that students having cameras turned on is far better for their social wellbeing and their ability to interact in their live lessons. We also understand that some students feel far more comfortable having their cameras turned off. Whilst we do encourage them to be on, this is not something we insist upon. However, we do expect students to interact and engage in their lessons, particularly as progress is frequently assessed through question and answer sessions. As such, students should be prepared to engage verbally through their microphone and/or through the chat function. Online whiteboards are also used across the school and will help support this interaction too. All of our lessons are recorded for safeguarding reasons.

We do not have enough laptops/digital devices at home and therefore struggle to provide our child with access to live lessons. What can we do?

The DfE is slowly releasing laptops to schools to provide to students who are struggling to access remote learning. If you wish to be considered for one, please email Mrs Scanlon (c.scanlon@qphs.co.uk) who will be able to discuss your requirements with you and add you to our waiting list. All of our lessons are recorded and can be accessed by the students at any time. Obviously we would prefer students to be present in their live lessons, but they can always watch them back if for some reason they are unable to access them at the time of delivery.

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APPENDIX

From 22nd February for half term 2

Subject Assessment Procedures – KS3

Art and Technology	Live feedback and top-loaded feedback to address common misconceptions
Drama	Assessments of performances developed in breakout rooms and assessed against ARMS
English and Spanish	Vocab, extended writing and comprehension assessments set via ActiveLearn or the Assignments Teams tab.
History, Geography and ICT	Online quizzes, Teams Assignments, Formative Assessment
Maths	Whiteboard.fi – instant feedback. MS Forms Checkpoints. Kahoot Quizzes
Music	BandLabEducation, self-assess against ARMS with Performances/compositions given live feedback
PE	KS3 Theory tasks self-mark assessment test
RE	Low stakes quizzing and assessments at the end of the scheme
Science	Formative Assessment through questioning, self-marked work, with summative Educake assessment

Subject Assessment Procedures – KS4

Art and Technology	2-hour Assessment task set. Live feedback and summative comment at the end of each project.
Drama	Formative Feedback, Assessments in Class Notebook, Coursework feedback.
English and Spanish	Work completed in books or saved in folders on Teams. Assignments Teams tab. MFL – individual speaking assessments.
History, Geography and ICT	Ongoing formative assessment, Teams Assignments
Maths	Submission of work via photos/word, feedback provided. Assignments on Teams/Forms. Kahoot Quizzes
Music	Exam board questions set. Teams Assignments for past paper questions. Self-marked questions, Kahoot Quizzes
PE	Coursework submitted via email. GCSEpod, Kahoot and Whiteboard.fi used for low-stakes testing of knowledge
RE	Work booklets with exam practice questions. Continuous low-stakes testing
Science	Educake Assessments, Live lesson feedback. Mini quizzes, end of unit tests. Multiple Choice Question Assessments

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Subject Assessment Procedures – KS5

Art and Technology	2-hour Assessment task set. Live feedback and summative comment at the end of each project.
Criminology	Working towards 8-hour controlled assessment. Work cannot be marked or assessed during the preparation phase. Exam units are assessed via exam questions
Drama/Performing Arts	Coursework submitted and feedback provided. P.Arts feedback is summative. Drama feedback is formative. Assessments of coursework questions set on Class Notebook
English Literature and MFL	Work completed in books or saved in folders on Teams. Assignments Teams tab. MFL – individual speaking assessments.
History, Geography and ICT	Ongoing formative assessment, Teams Assignments
Maths	Submission of work via photos/word, feedback provided. Assignments on Teams/Forms.
Music	Exam board questions set. Practical performance work assessed when back in school. Yr13 1:1 sessions for feedback on exam practice. Year 12 marking and feedback provided on Rock and pop genres and set piece.
PE	Coursework submitted via email. MS Teams Assignments. Past paper questions and self-assessment.
Psychology	Open book exams at home, submitted and marked by teacher. Seneca online quiz platform for low stakes testing.
RE	Work booklets with exam practice questions. Continuous low-stakes testing
Science	Formative assessments in lessons with immediate feedback. MS Teams Assignments. Essays set with feedback provided. End of unit tests with feedback provided.

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