



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you with very mixed emotions today as we say goodbye to most of our students for what could be, a significant period of time.

We appreciate that for you as parents and carers, this is equally a difficult time, with lots of uncertainties ahead. You may have a multitude of questions and we therefore wanted to try and support you as much as possible over the coming weeks by pre-empting some of these. Please be assured that 'school' will be carrying on, albeit rather 'virtually' in the background – we are still here and available, with the school building remaining operational for the foreseeable future pending any further measures being put in place.

Reception

School reception will be manned between 9:00am and 3:30pm and is contactable via 01244 981500. Emails can be sent to enquiries@qphs.co.uk where we will endeavour to answer queries as soon as possible. Staff can also be contacted through the EduLink app as normal.

In the event of an out of hours emergency, school leadership can be contacted on the following numbers:

- 07568 371216
- 07568 383954
- 07561 478543
- 07557 805840

For those students who are coming into school next week:

- We will allow students to choose whether they wish to attend in uniform or not
- A packed lunch will be provided free of charge – it may be helpful to provide them just with a snack for breaktime though if needed
- Students should bring their books with them so that they can access their learning
- Until Easter, students will be following their normal timetable as set virtually by their teachers in the LLC, with support from key staff – we will review provision after this point and be in touch
- Breaks and lunches will operate as normal with opportunities for additional activities at these times

For students who are remaining at home:

- Try to keep to a set routine around 'home learning' hopefully with some opportunity for physical exercise too (Joe Wicks could help with this through his Body Coach YouTube channel where he is running PE lessons from Monday at 9am)
- The school day will start at 9am and all students will be notified that we are 'open' and when we 'close' at 3.30pm, although lessons will end at 3pm as usual. Staff will not be expected to respond to messages after this time until the following morning.
- Students will be able to access the learning set for them through the EduLink app – further information is available for you as parents, through the attached documentation

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For students in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) and not attending school:

While the government continues to finalise its plan for a national free school meal voucher, the school has made the decision to provide packed lunches for all children eligible for free school meals next week. The packed lunch will include a sandwich, cake, piece of fruit and a drink and can be collected by students/parents/carers from the following locations:

- QPHS Main Reception – Between 11:30am and 12:30pm
- Lache Primary School Car Park (Collection from Minibus) – between 11:30am and 11:50am
- Blacon Parade Stores Car Park (Collection from Minibus) – between 12:05pm and 12:20pm

We will update you for the plan beyond next week once the government has confirmed what they're going to offer.

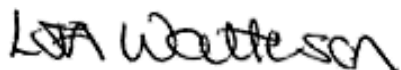
Home Learning

Please read the attached information which gives further explanation around our approach to home learning. Please bear with us as we are all heading into uncharted territories at the moment and we are also having to get to grips with the complexities of technology, which we have a feeling might hit overload on Monday as our nation's children all go on-line as well. We shall see.

We aim to keep in regular contact with you, giving you updates and adjustments to our plans as the landscape continues to shift.

Please look after yourselves and your loved ones, and get in touch if needed.

Kind regards,



Miss Lyndsay Watterson
Headteacher



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Online/Distance Learning Provision

Over the past couple of weeks staff have been working hard to ensure that in the event of the school's closure there is, as far as possible, a continuation of educational provision to our students. We want to ensure that whilst students are not able to enter the building, they are able to access resources and educational materials which will support their education whilst not in direct face-to-face contact with teaching staff. To this end, we will be using EduLink as the main conduit to set work, communicate with students and monitor the continuation of their engagement with their education and ultimately, their learning.

There will be sufficient work set to cover the timetabled lessons for all students. Students will need to log on to EduLink, either via the website or the mobile App, to be able to access the work/tasks set only at the start of the lesson. Upon completion of the work set, students will then need to check the 'task complete' box in their homework log so we can monitor the proportion of students who are engaging in their learning. We have already surveyed students to ascertain who is able to do this remotely and for those who have informed us that they can't, paper copies of the work will be collated and sent home.

In anticipation of the closure we received training on the use of Microsoft Teams which is a programme freely accessible to students via an App that can be downloaded onto phones/tablets/PCs from the Apple iStore or GooglePlay. Students will need to login using their school email address (their login followed by @qphs.co.uk). Once logged on they will see their classes listed, once we have set them up on the system. Using this App we are hoping (technology permitting!) that some teachers, where appropriate, will be able to deliver live lessons to students. A range of teachers will be trialling this over the next couple of weeks and will communicate their intentions to use MS Teams to live stream lessons via EduLink so students can prepare to engage in their learning in advance. This approach may become more prevalent in the event of a prolonged closure.

In relation to the learning and expectations of our Year 11 and 13 students and in light of the cancellation of the May/June examinations we are reviewing what this provision will look like. We have spoken to these year groups about maintaining a work ethic and continuing to hone their future learning skills. Whilst we do not have guidance as to how examination grades will be issued to students yet, or if formal examinations will be offered at another point in the future, this does not mean that they won't be. It is also important that students are fully prepared as any other years would have been for the next stages of their educational journeys, whether that be 6th Form study, college, higher education, apprenticeships or employment. To this end, we would encourage students to continue to revisit their learning and resources from their courses to ensure that they are as prepared as ever for their next steps. Students who are yet to have a careers interview with our careers advisor will be contacted individually to arrange a time for a phone consultation if they so wish.

We do appreciate that for some aspects of learning and courses, provision and setting of work may not be appropriate via the online platform. Practical subjects or activities within subjects that require bespoke equipment and materials will not be able to be delivered in the same way or, as we acknowledge, to the same standard we would expect. Where appropriate alternative tasks have been set. However, we are keen to stress that all work set is purposeful and aligns with our normal curriculum.

It is important that whilst teachers will do their best to respond to questions and queries that arise as work is undertaken, they may not always be able to do so in as live a way as might have otherwise been possible if students were directly in front of them. Similarly, we recognise that teachers too may have their own families at home to take care of and as such whilst they will do their utmost to ensure that students queries are responded to during normal lesson time, this might not always be possible. Likewise, if teachers themselves are ill work will not necessarily be set.

Attached is a summary of the work students will be completing over the next couple weeks. Where required, hard copies of books and materials will be sent home with students to ensure that they are already prepared for the continuation of their learning at home. For students currently in self-isolation we will contact parents to discuss the best way of getting these materials home. Students whose parents are key workers and who need the school to supervise them from next Monday will be completing this work in our LLC.

We recognise that this is a significant change to the way we provide education to our students and ask for your patience as we address teething problems we might encounter through the heavy reliability on technology to provide a continuation of teaching and learning.

If you have any questions relating to online learning please get in contact with us and we will do our best to answer your queries. For any subject specific questions, teachers can be contacted through the EduLink Messaging portal in the usual way.

Faculty	Subject	Key Stage 3			Key Stage 4		Key Stage 5	
		Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11*	Yr12	Yr13*
Maths	Maths	Maths Mastery revision tasks set from the booklet on both EduLink and from the hard copies sent home with students			Individual teachers set bespoke work from booklets and Hegarty Maths	Exam questions set on EduLink. Individual tasks set by CHA for students	Revision tasks set based on textbooks taken home	Delivery of subject continues via PowerPoints and tasks set on EduLink
Communications	English	Assessments set with hourly question tasks uploaded to EduLink. 1 hour of guided reading set each week			Poetry – COG YouTube videos and tasks to be set/watched Booklets with fully annotated copies of poetry, unseen poetry and tasks sent home 'T' Chart tasks set to help support poetry essay development		Personalised work set on EduLink pertinent to the development needs of individual students	
	MFL	Guided reading and speaking test tasks set to support students' development of Spanish			Exam questions set linked to the four components of the course			Personalised work set
	Criminology						Textbook resources with questions banks linked to assessment areas set	Assessment criteria used to explore exemplar questions building on areas for development from mocks. Work returned to SCA
Science	Combined	Educake Revision Tasks set on an hourly basis YouTube Scientist videos with Questions set based on these		Revision guides used for hour-by-hour lessons with questions set based on the subjects covered		Online resources and revision packs		
	Triple					Online resources and revision packs	Independent Learning Logs to work through	Online learning tasks set with materials to support set on EduLink

EBACC	Geography	Map skills (booklet & EduLink)	UK population (booklet & EduLink)	Global issues: waste management & wilderness areas under threat. (booklet & EduLink)	physical geography-homework booklet questions	Option A: Resource and food management (booklet) Option B: Food management & pre-release (booklet)	exam questions based on Glaciation, Global governance & Changing places (booklet & EduLink)	exam practice for all 6 modules and students to complete their NEA. (booklet & EduLink)
	History	Introduction to the Tudors	Introduction to Civil Rights	Introduction to the Cold War	Paper 1: America - Tasks and Exam Questions	Paper 2: Elizabethan England - Workbook and exam questions	Revision & Exam Questions (set on EduLink)	Coursework & Revision (set on EduLink)
	Computer Science	Tasks set on EduLink			Work set on EduLink	Work set on EduLink	Work set on EduLink	Work set on EduLink
PPA	PE	Printed Booklet focusing on the biology and physiology of sport			CGP Revision Books with tasks set on EduLink – Muscular and Skeletal Focus	CGP Revision Books with online tests and assignments set over EduLink. Coursework Alterations.	Unit 1 exam: Anatomy and Physiology – EduLink tasks set.	Overall Revision from textbooks, revision guides and knowledge organisers. Focus on Society and Sport
	Music	Vocab list definitions, booklet on musical elements and pop songs	Extension on blues and jazz- not quite finished yet	Composing to a brief – tasks set on EduLink	Focus on Revision and Review of learning to date with specific focus on preparation for solo performance	Recap Booklets. Revisiting AO1	Haydn 104 th set work focus and AOA	Recap of AOE and AOA, have set past papers, essay plan and writing, chord construction, notating of composition

								coursework and log.
	Drama				Set questions relating to Component 3 – The Crucible / Scripting Component 1	Set questions relating to Component 3 – The Crucible.	Unit 2: Learning Aim A work	Preparations for Component 3 with essays on Faustus, Equus and Woman In Black. Component 1 Review
VAD	Art	Delaunay Colour – Read Like and Expert Photo Joiners (EduLink PPT.)	Landscape Work (EduLink PPT.)	American Folk Art (EduLink PPT.)	Architecture work (EduLink PPT.)	Exam Preparation Work (EduLink and sketchbooks)		Exam Preparation Work (EduLink and sketchbooks)
	Photography				Photo Joiners (EduLink PPT.)	Exam Preparation Work (EduLink and sketchbooks)	Work linked to AOs (EduLink PPT.)	Exam Preparation Work (EduLink and sketchbooks)
	Tech / 3D Design	Designing a Board Game/ Introductory work to Food Technology set on EduLink.	Timed Design Challenges/ Introductory work to Food Technology set on EduLink.	North Face Promo Material Project/ Introductory work to Food Technology set on EduLink.	Assessment sheets prepared based on current topic and set on EduLink	LLE/COR providing individual tasks for students to do based on sketchbooks to date. Generic work set on EduLink	LLE/COR providing individual tasks for students to do based on sketchbooks to date. Generic work set on EduLink	LLE/COR providing individual tasks for students to do based on sketchbooks to date. Generic work set on EduLink

Social Studies	RE	Work set on EduLink: Judaism	Work set on EduLink: Hinduism	Work set on EduLink: Sikhism	Focus on Islam and Relationships/Family unit with exam questions set on EduLink.	All textbooks and exercise books taken home. Booklet on Sikhism taken home. Work set on EduLink.	EduLink lessons set linked to textbooks taken home.	EduLink for PPT access and resources for Christianity. Past Papers going home. Microsoft Teams for teaching.
	Psychology						Booklets, PPTs and past papers provided with revision tasks set on EduLink	Booklets, PPTs and past papers provided with revision tasks set on EduLink
	Business St.							Units 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4 delivered via EduLink. Exam practice work using past papers and unit guides provided

*Subject to review