

01 June 2020

Dear Student and Parent / Carer,

To ensure the very best provision and support for all our community at SET Saxmundham, the school undertakes regular reviews and, in line with the Government guidance for those students engaging in public examinations in 2021, our current focus is on our Year 10 cohort. The impact of school closure and loss of academic, extra-curricular and social interaction experienced by students is understandably an even greater challenge for those part ways through their GCSE courses and to this end we will be extending our provision further in the second half of the Trinity term.

'Live sessions' via Google Meet:

We have been piloting 'live sessions' with some students (thank you to those students involved for their role as guinea pigs!) As a result, we will be running these live sessions following the below schedule from today. Codes for accessing these will be issued on the appropriate Google Classroom prior to the sessions going live. Additional 'live sessions' may be introduced at a later date.

It is highly recommended that all students access the appropriate sessions, especially students who may have found working from home more challenging.

Subject	Day	Times
English	Monday	10am (except 10A which will take place at 1130am)
	Wednesday	11:30am (10A)
	Thursday	12:30pm (10M1)
Maths	Tuesday	12:30pm Foundation 1:15pm Higher
Science	Wednesday	2pm
History	Friday	2pm
Geography	Thursday	2pm
French	Monday	1pm (10A)
		2pm (10B)

Guidelines and important information regarding 'live sessions':

In line with our safeguarding policy these meetings will be recorded. The purpose of the 'live session' is to reinforce learning, take questions from students and support with accessing the work set. The majority will be 20 minutes long, although this may vary depending on various factors.

It is an expectation that students are in a suitable environment during these meetings and that they are dressed appropriately. All school behavioural expectations will still be in place regarding language etc. I would also like to stress that students are not compelled to have their camera switched on during these sessions.

As with all the work we set, engagement in these sessions will be monitored to help inform us of which students will need access to specific interventions and support upon their return.

Personalised Meetings via telephone or online:

The year 10 tutors and I would welcome the opportunity to meet with all year 10 students and parent/ carers individually to explore their experience of the lockdown and school closure in response to Covid-19, address any questions regarding the coming academic year and plan strategies and interventions to support all students in their aspirations for the future. Tutors and I will be in contact this half-term to help arrange the system for this.

The school will continue to offer in-school provision, following all necessary safety guidance, for the students of key workers and where additional support is required. The school will be in direct contact with any families for whom this may be appropriate.

SET Saxmundham will maintain regular and prompt communication with parent / carers regarding provision at all times, recognising the need for us to remain flexible and considered in any plans made given the constantly evolving nature of the Covid-19 pandemic and accompanying guidance.

Kind regards,

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