





Good afternoon,

This has been a challenging start of term for all schools and I am proud of Holbrook Academy's response. I am proud that within a week we have been able to set up onsite testing for Covid-19 and have tested all staff and students who have consented to be tested. I am proud too that we have distributed a significant number of laptops (over 50) within our community to ensure all students are able to access remote learning.

I believe we have high quality remote learning provision in place but we continue to welcome any feedback from parents/carers via the email address parents@holbrookacademy.org

I am also proud of the number of wellbeing phone calls that have taken place this week to support students and families. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made all of this possible.

Next week, we will deliver further live streaming opportunities. Below is the timetable for when these live streaming lessons to year groups will take place. Students will be informed of 'nicknames' on Google classroom for each of these live streaming lessons and, where appropriate, students will be guided to the appropriate lesson using our current attainment data.

| Week 1A | Monday – Year 10 | Tuesday – Year 11 | Wednesday – Year 9 | Thursday - Year 8 | Friday – Year 7 |
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| 1 | Science | English | Spanish | Science | Science |
| 2 | English | Maths | Science | Music | Maths |
| 3 | | Science | English | Spanish | RS |
| 4 | Maths | | Maths | Maths | English |
| 5 | | | Tutor Time | English | History |

This timetable will change on a weekly basis for Year 7-9 and it will have no impact on other exam subjects for Year 10 and 11. At all other times, students should be following their normal timetable. I want to reiterate that in almost all lessons teachers are available for live interaction at the start; they will both register your child and be available to support if they are struggling to access the work in any way.

I also want to return to our clear safeguarding procedures for live learning which were sent out on 18th December. A copy of these procedures is attached to this email; do please ensure that you have read these important guidelines as we will be contacting you again next week to request confirmation.

Finally, I intend to continue to collaborate in leading Holbrook Academy though this challenging time. I will update parents/carers of our further plans for this half term early next week; much has been achieved by so many over this past week but there is always more to be done.

In the meantime I do hope that you and yours are able to have a restful and peaceful weekend at this time.

Kind regards,

Tom Maltby Headteacher