

Student Distance Learning Information and Expectations

In the event of the school facing a partial or full closure, we aim as staff to ensure that you have continuity of education. We will provide online lessons and resources in most of your subjects and staff will be supporting you remotely.

This document aims to explain what will happen and what we expect from you at this time as well as answering some of your questions.

Where will I get the work from?

All students will have lessons, resources and materials provided for them. Your teachers will inform you of how to access these, but most classes will be provided for using Google Classroom.

To login to Google Classroom, you will need your school email address, internet and a suitable device.

Your teachers will not be delivering 'normal' lessons via a video link. There will be no video communication between you and your teachers. Communication will be via email or Google Classroom, using your school email address. Lessons will not happen at a set time, it will be up to you to decide when you complete the work that has been set.

How much work am I expected to do?

If you are in Year 7 or 8 we will expect you to be completing the following **as a minimum:**

- **15 hours of directed learning per week** and work returned to staff via email or Google Classroom (where possible). This will comprise of:
 - 3 hours of English
 - 3 hours of Maths
 - 3 hours of Science
 - 1 hour of History
 - 1 hour of Geography
 - 1 hour of DT
 - 1 hour of PE
 - 1 hour of Art
 - 1 hour of French or German

Other subjects may share materials with you which you can complete in addition if you choose.

- **Flipped Learning**

You have the Flipped Learning tasks to be completed at home and can continue to work on those ready to be brought in when the school re-opens. For a large number of you this is important as you are not on track to meet the graduation criteria in this area.

- **Reading**

You should be reading every day in order to support your wellbeing and your learning. A reading list will be provided.

If you are in Year 9 and 10 we will expect you to be completing the following **as a minimum:**

- **18 hours of directed learning per week.** This will comprise of:
 - 3 hours of English
 - 3 hours of Maths
 - 3 hours of Science
 - 1.5 hours of Option 1
 - 1.5 hours of Option 2
 - 1.5 hours of Option 3
 - 1.5 hours of Option 4

If you are in Year 11 there may be a need for you to ensure you have all the knowledge and skills in your existing courses ready for your Post-16 destination. Work has been provided through Google Classroom for you if you wish to make use of this and staff will support you if you contact them directly.

Here is a list of online resources to support your revision:

- **MathsWatch**

Is an online platform that allows students to access videos, questions, receive feedback, learn independently and access printable worksheets. Questions will be set by the Maths Department.

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

- **SENECA Learning**

Suitable for Maths, English, Science, History, Geography and German. Lots of free resources and tests. Students can set up an account for free and work their way through exam content and questions.

<https://www.senecalearning.com/>

- **BBC Learning**

This site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>

- **Khan Academy**

Especially good for Maths and Computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

- **Futurelearn**

Free to access 100s of courses, only pay to upgrade if you need a certificate in your name (own account from age 14+ but younger learners can use a parent account).

<https://www.futurelearn.com/>

Do I have to do certain subjects each day?

The work being set is for the week so you can organise your own time each day, but we do expect you to follow the recommendations as a minimum.

I am normally at school, for more than 15 hours so what should I do for the rest of the time?

It is important during these times that you keep yourself active and healthy. Use this time for exercise and physical activity. This will not only ensure you stay physically fit but also support your mental wellbeing.

Time for our hobbies is also important so ensure you keep up with these where possible.

How often is work set?

Work will be set at the start of each week and it will include assessment questions or quizzes to check you have learnt what you need to.

How will my work be marked?

Your teachers will be there every day to deal with any queries you have and to give you feedback on the work you have completed. Our expectation is that every teacher will respond to you within 24 hours. Your teachers will be expected to be checking their emails from 8.30am-4.00pm.

Each week your teachers will set you an assessment or quiz, which will be marked and provide you with a good idea on how well you have learnt the week's material.

I've forgotten my email address and password?

If you are in Year 7 or 8, your password has been reset for you and you will not be able to change it.

Your email address is needed to access Google classroom. If you have forgotten yours it is: firstname.surname.yearofentry@baysgarthschool.co.uk

For example:

joe.bloggs.19@baysgarthschool.co.uk if I was in Year 7

joe.bloggs.18@baysgarthschool.co.uk if I was in Year 8

The password is 'Baysgarth1' (case sensitive).

If you are in Years 9, 10 or 11 and have forgotten your password, then you need to contact Mr Roberts via david.roberts@baysgarthschool.co.uk

What do I do if I get stuck and need help?

It is highly likely that you may need some support with your learning or you may have a concern or query that you need our help with.

You are reminded to:

- Check the website, app and social media to ensure regular messages from school are received. You will also find other relevant information you might need on the website.
- Ensure any contact with staff needs to be done through school email accounts.
- Try where possible to limit contact with staff to during school hours and staff will aim to respond to emails within 24 hours.
- Direct queries relating to academic work to your teachers through Google Classroom or email.
- Contact your Head of House or Learning Manager if you are concerned for yourself or others.

The email addresses for the house teams are:

ancholme@baysgarthschool.co.uk

bardney@baysgarthschool.co.uk

newton@baysgarthschool.co.uk

treece@baysgarthschool.co.uk

What if I don't have internet access?

We have asked your parents to let us know if there are issues so we can support you with this.

I don't have a printer at home, how can I print all my work?

There is no expectation that you print anything. Everything that has been set can be done online.

What do I do if I am sick and unable to do my work?

Drop your teacher an email if you can so we know you are okay and recovering. We understand that some of you may be ill or have to care for family members at times. If you need our support or advice at any time, then contact your House team.

What if I'm really worried about myself or a friend?

If you require urgent communication with a member of staff in an emergency situation or if you feel that someone else is in an emergency situation, then please contact the following staff:

Miss Smith
Miss Driscoll

I'm in Year 7 or 8 and I am worried about not graduating. What should I do?

If there are any concerns about graduating then you will have received a letter.

If the concerns are related to effort, then use this time to contact your teachers and ask them to support you to show an improvement in effort. This might be extension or different work.

If the concerns are related to attendance then the school completely understands that the current situation makes it difficult to address this. Be reassured that the school closure will not adversely affect any student.

