



COVID-19 Update





Dear Parents,

These are very challenging times and Kingsdown is only ever an email away – head@kingsdownschool.co.uk

Do get in touch if you need anything at any time. For now – take great care of you and your family. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

With very best wishes

Mrs Leigh-Bennett

Cohort 2020



Please find attached a letter for
Year 11

[Year 11 Letter](#)

Learning at Home: Y7-10



- A huge well done to all of our students who have been accessing SMHW. We have had a phenomenal response to the on-line learning platform.
- On average **95%** of our students have accessed SMHW in this first week.
- Please encourage your child to continue with their studies at home. We will be celebrating and sharing the students' successes shortly.



A reminder for all students in Y7-10:

- **All students must access SMHW on a daily basis. This is where all tasks and key messages will be communicated.**
- **All students will receive weekly tasks set by the Head of Department for each subject.**
- **These tasks will be made available on the day that homework is normally set.**
- **The learning tasks will encourage students to revise previous learning, research and read.**



Learning at Home: Y7-10

- **The tasks will last no more than 2 hours and can be completed in 4 different learning sessions. They do not have to be completed all at once.**
- **Students will be given a range of activities to ensure that they are not always working at a computer.**
- **Students will not need to print any resources**
- **There will be no homework set in addition to the tasks.**



Learning at Home: Key Questions

- **What happens if my child doesn't understand the task?**
- **What happens if my child hasn't got the resources to access the task?**
- **What happens if I cannot support my child in completing the task?**

In all cases, please e-mail the class teacher who will be happy to offer support. Do not worry - we are not asking you, as parents and carers, to be the replacement teacher. Offer encouragement and seek the answers from the expert who is your child's class teacher. We are here to help.



Learning at Home: Key Questions

- **My child is in Y10. This is a crucial year, how will the school support my child through this challenging time?**

After Easter, as long as we remain in the current situation, teachers will be setting new learning for students in Y10. Students will be supported and guided through this next phase by their class teachers. All that we ask, is that you support them in setting up a daily timetable to maintain a routine and encourage them to seek help when necessary.

Supporting Successful Learning at Home



- **Set up a manageable daily timetable for subjects.**
- **Check SMHW daily and make a note of the tasks you need to complete.**
- **Do not be over ambitious on what you can achieve.**
- **If possible, work in a calm and de-cluttered space.**
- **Avoid using social media during ‘lesson’ time.**
- **Build in ‘you’ time to reward the work completed.**



Learning at Home: Y11

- For student well-being, it is advised that students continue to access SMHW on a regular basis and engage with tasks set by teachers.
- Students who are studying coursework subjects should continue to follow the advice from their class teacher to improve and refine their work.
- Students at risk of not achieving a grade 4 in Maths or English will be asked to re-take next year. For this reason, English and Maths tasks will be provided to support continued learning.
- Heads of Department will be uploading appropriate materials to support the next stages of Cohort 2020's journey.

Letter from Wiltshire Police



Please find below a link to an open letter from the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police.

[Open Letter](#)

Safeguarding- Keeping your child safe

Safeguarding continues to be our number 1 priority and this will not change over this next period. We want to make sure that you have the right information to ensure that your children are safe and should there be an issue or worry you are able to access the right advice and information at the right time. Below are some useful headlines for you:

Mental Health

Some children may have existing mental health concerns or may become very anxious during this period. STEM4 is a fantastic website that provides help and guidance for parents and children.

<https://stem4.org.uk/>

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team will continue to work during this period and will be contactable via the school website via SHARPs or on cp@kingsdownschool.co.uk . Alternatively Swindon Borough council have a variety of services available, these can be found via the Local Offer website : <https://localoffer.swindon.gov.uk/home>

Bereavement

During these unprecedented times there may be a need for support with coping with bereavement, there are a number of local charities who are able to support. They are:

<http://www.treehousewiltshire.org.uk/>

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

Students will receive weekly safeguarding updates via Show My Homework

Useful links for advice



NHS Website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

• NHS 111 Online:

<https://111.nhs.uk>

• NHS Coronavirus Service:

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

• NHS Advice for travellers: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-travellers/

• PHE:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Where can I get further advice?

• You can contact Ms Magenty smagenty@kingsdownschool.co.uk

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