



THE PRIORITY SCHOOL

D O R K I N G

Headteacher: Mrs J Trimnell

31st December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As promised, I am writing to you today with further clarification and updates following the recent Government guidelines announced yesterday. I apologise for the length of this letter but I am sure you will appreciate there is a lot of information I need to share with you;

Week beginning 4th January 2021

- During this week only children of key workers and vulnerable students will be in school. Those of you that have made contact with myself to request a place have been contacted individually regarding details.
- Students in years 7 to 13 will be expected to continue with their normal timetable via remote learning. Students must check their school emails daily for any contact from teachers.
- Students must access instructions for their lesson via SMHW and work under the headings "Remote Learning"
- All students will be required to participate during their normal daily tutor time with their tutor. The tutor will email their students on Monday to establish how to connect with the group.
- Students must email their subject teachers if they cannot access or complete any work
- Students can contact their tutor, head of year or ELSA if they require any additional support at any time.
- Our Learning Support team has allocated students on the SEND register to monitor. They will phone your child daily to make sure they are okay and able to access the work. Please encourage your child to speak with them and share any concerns they have.

BTEC Final Examinations Year 12

- Yr12 BTEC Travel and Tourism external exams **will go ahead** as planned on Friday, 8 Jan and Tuesday, 12 Jan - both starting at 9am.
- Mr Harrison will email directly all the students who are sitting these exams.

Mock Examinations for Year11 and Year 13

- Mock exams for Years 11 and 13 will begin on Tuesday, 12 January. The new timetables are included in this letter and they have also been shared via SMHW for Year 11 and via email for Year 13.
- Students need to be aware that their mock exams will be key assessment points for this academic year. If the Government does request Centre Assessed Grades from teachers this year as part of final results these grades will be a significant contributing factor.
- Year 11 and 13 must be revising in addition to completing remote learning during the week of the 4th January.
- Mock results will come out to students on the afternoon of Thursday, 11 February, this is the same date as the Year 11 Parents' Evening.

MOCK EXAMS TIMETABLES

Year 11



Date	8.55am	11.55pm	2.25pm
Tue 12 January		History 1h15m	Spanish Speaking
Wed 13 January	Maths Paper 1 F/H/Comb. 1h30m/2h15m	RE 1h	French Speaking
Thu 14 January	Science / Triple Science 1h10m/1h45m	PE 1h15m	French Listening F 35m
Fri 15 January	Business Studies 1h30m	French Reading F/H 45m/1h Music 1h45m	Spanish Speaking
Mon 18 January	Drama 1h45m Computing 1h30m	Geography 1h30m	French Listening H 45m
Tue 19 January	English Literature and English Language for 11Y3 1h45m	History 1h	Spanish Speaking
Wed 20 January	Maths Paper 2 F/H 1h30m/2h15m	RE 1h Spanish Reading F/H 45m/1h	French Speaking
Thu 21 January	Science / Triple Science 1h10m/1h45m		
Fri 22 January	DT 2h	French Writing F/H 1h/1h15m	French Speaking
Mon 25 January	Geography 1h30m	Computing 1h30m Hospitality and Catering 1h30m	Spanish Listening F 35m
Tue 26 January	English Language for 11Y3 1h45m English Literature all other groups	PE 1h15m	Spanish Speaking
Wed 27 January	Maths Paper 3 F/H/Comb. 1h30m/2h15m	French Speaking	French Speaking
Thu 28 January	Science / Triple Science 1h10m/1h45m	Business 1h30m	Spanish Listening H 45m
Fri 29 January	RE 2h Spanish Writing F/H 1h/1h15m	History 1h20m	Spanish Speaking

YEAR 13

Date	9:00 am	1:00 pm
Tue 12 January	<i>Option B</i>	<i>Option E</i>
	DT 1h30m	History 1h30m
	Biology 2h Psychology 2h15m	
Wed 13 January	<i>Option C</i>	
	French 2h	
	Geography 2h15m Media 1h	
Thu 14 January	<i>Option E</i>	
	History 1h30m	
	Sociology 2h15m Chemistry 2h	
Fri 15 January	<i>Option D</i>	
	English 2h30m	
	Physics 2h PE 2h	
Mon 25 January	<i>Option C</i>	<i>Option A</i>
	Geography 2h15m	Core Maths 1h30m
Tue 26 January	<i>Option B</i>	<i>Option A</i>
	DT 2h30m	Core Maths 1h30m
	Biology 2h Psychology 2h15m	
Wed 27 January	<i>Option C</i>	<i>Option C</i>
	French 2h30m	Media 2h15m
	Geography 2h15m	
Thu 28 January	<i>Option E</i>	
	History 2h15m	
	Sociology 2h15m Chemistry 2h	
Fri 29 January	<i>Option D</i>	
	English 2h30m	
	Physics 2h PE 2h	

Please note that Yr13 A Level and Yr12 GCSE Maths resit mock exam dates have changed- see updated timetable emailed out to students from PHA.

Mass COVID-19 Testing programme

Firstly, a very sincere thanks from me for those kindly offering to be involved in the mass COVID-19 testing programme that we hope to have up and running by 5th January. Whilst challenging to establish, I feel sure that we can get quickly up to speed during the five days from Monday, 4 January to Friday, 8 January, therefore being prepared to test all students back on site upon their full return.

NHS Test and Trace: COVID-19 testing for staff and students

We are sharing this information as requested by the Department for Education.

You may have heard that testing for those without coronavirus symptoms is beginning across the country using new, quicker COVID-19 tests known as 'lateral flow tests'.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, these tests will help staff and students to remain in school. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus experience no symptoms.

An instructional handbook with information regarding this can be found on the website in the section "COVID update". A consent form for you to complete if you are happy for your child to be tested can also be found here. Please ensure that your child returns the form to reception when they return.

Those taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. The 'lateral flow' tests are quick and easy using a swab of your nose and throat. For under 18s, staff will oversee the swab process.

Results (which take around half an hour from testing) will be shared directly with staff and students participating. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be informed.

Testing will be offered free of charge.

What if a student tests positive?

Participating staff and students who test positive will be informed about their results individually. Where participants are under 16, parents or legal guardians will also be notified. Guidance on safe travel and additional precautions will be provided along with test results.

students will need to take a further 'PCR test' (similar to those done in local and regional testing sites) on the same day (or as soon as possible).

During this time while they wait for the PCR result (via text / email) they will need to self-isolate.

If the PCR test returns a positive result you will have to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if the test is negative?

They will be able to stay in school and resume their activities as normal. A pupil will only be told if they test positive on a 'lateral flow' test, so if you do not hear you can assume it was negative. A small number of students may need to repeat the test if the first test was invalid or void for some reason.

What if a close contact at school/college tests positive?

A close contact of someone in school/college who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be able to return to school if they agree to be tested once a day for 7 days and the test is negative. If they do not want to take the test, they will need to self-isolate as per the national guidelines. This does not apply to household members or close contacts outside of school who will still need to self-isolate. Further details will be provided at the time, but if you would prefer to self-isolate instead of doing daily testing, you can.

What if my child develops symptoms?

This testing programme at school is for people with no symptoms. If your child develops symptoms at any time (such as a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) they must immediately self-isolate, and book a test by calling 119 or visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Your child must stay at home, please **do not** send them into school to receive a test.

We will support our staff and students throughout, but please contact us if you have any questions. You can call the office on 01306 887337 or email enquiries@priorycofe.com.

I will write again on Thursday, 7 January with any further updates.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year from all the staff at The Priory School.

Best wishes



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