

Our Ref: SST/HBr

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Re: Year 7 Remote Learning**

I hope you are well and staying safe.

Regrettably I am having to write to you as I am going to have to ask our Year 7 pupils to work remotely from home next week. Sadly we still have a significant number of staff absent with Covid who are unlikely to return to work until the tail end of next week. As a school we have again contacted multiple external supply agencies to support us in staffing the school but sadly to no avail. We therefore do not have sufficient staff to deliver the curriculum in full. I hugely appreciate that this will cause families some inconvenience and that this is less than ideal. In equal measure I hope you appreciate that I am giving you as much advanced notice as possible given the unpredictability and fluidity of the challenging situation at hand. I am going to have to ask Year 7 to work remotely from home as follows:

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Should further year groups have to work remotely from home then I will ask Year 10 and 12 to do so next. Year 11 and Year 13 face external public examinations this year and will be the last of all the year groups to be sent home should the need arise.

Pupils working from home should access Microsoft Teams, where work will be set for them to complete. Pupils should follow their normal school timetable and there will be a live tutor time check-in to start their day off at 08.45.

I thank you for your understanding at what remains a challenging time.

Yours faithfully,



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