



18th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Online Learning Expectations

Further to my previous letters from December and earlier this month, I wanted to update you on remote learning and our online learning expectations for all students, as well as some expectations for parents.

Based on the current guidance, all students will continue to learn remotely until February half term. We have had no update from the Department for Education regarding when we will return.

Year 11 and 13 students

All students have received an email and letter containing the latest guidance regarding the cancellation of examinations for the summer. The DFE and Ofqual are currently looking at alternative ways of assessment and the awarding of grades to replace these. It is anticipated that we will be told that teacher grades should be determined using a combination of teacher assessment based on previous work completed over the course and assessments, which will be set when schools reopen to cover all aspects of the subject curriculum. Students must be aware that work covered during the lockdown period will also be included in assessments' when school reopens. Students are therefore expected to continue with their education and curriculum learning during this period of lockdown to maximise teaching time, prepare for assessments upon return and to keep engaged in their education. Complimenting this, students are likely to have to complete some external assessments provided by examination boards when current COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Work provided throughout this period of school closure is crucial for learning and preparation for assessments. For this reason, it is crucial that they engage with all online lessons and complete all work set as it will have support their final outcomes in the summer. It is now more important than ever that students are engaging with their lessons, completing coursework and homework as well as revising and preparing for exams/assessments in these subjects. While it is not clear how they will be assessed, they **MUST** make sure that they are pushing themselves towards achieving the best possible grade. If students have any questions or issues regarding their subject studies, please ask them to contact their subject teachers who are best served to help them stay on track.

Students in all other years

It is also crucial that you encourage your child to engage with this online learning (or work packs sent) to ensure they continue with their learning and are ready for any assessments when they return. For example, Year 8's in particular will need to be assessed so that they can make the right choices for their options when they return.

From 11th January all students have been provided with a variety of remote learning and online lessons. They are expected to complete the work set online or sent in the post. This requirement has been set by the government so we expect all students to engage with their online work and any work packs that have been sent home for those who have no access to online work.

There are certain expectations we have of students, parents and staff when we are working remotely. Please refer to the [Online Learning Expectations Policy](#) for our expectations of your child, what staff will do and what we also expect of parents. It is important you are aware of this policy and reinforce expectations with your child. Where you have concerns or questions about the online provision, please do not disrupt

the teaching during the lesson, instead, please contact the teacher, Head of Faculty/Department or Head of Year and we will attempt to resolve issues in a prompt manner.

However, due to Safeguarding and Data Protection laws (including GDPR), we stress that parents/carers or students must not video record, voice record, photograph, screen-shot, or share any part of live or pre-recorded lessons, as this will constitute a direct breach of Safeguarding and Data Protection laws. The Academy will not hesitate to act in such instances.

Some reminders:

- Your child is expected to complete the lessons/work at the same time as they would have done so if they were in school so they should know their timetable. You can access this via your MyEd app.
- Your child should expect to receive activities or work from all of their subjects.
- We have a variety of methods of learning: including the use of SharePoint, tasks set via Ruler and emailed documents as well as Stream videos and Teams lessons, and so not all lessons will be live each day. Some subjects may send links to other on-line materials for activities for students to do within their timetabled lessons.
- If your child has any technical issues they should contact: JLAITSupport@josephleckieacademy.co.uk
- If your child has forgotten their password, please complete the '[Office 365 Password Resent Request](#)' form on the Academy Website.
- Remote learning resources available from [Joseph Leckie Academy - Remote Learning Resources](#)
- If they are not sure about any of their work in a particular subject, they should contact their teacher via their email address or via the Teams lesson.
- We will be checking that they have accessed work during this period and there will be various forms of assessments, which they will be expected to complete to demonstrate their understanding.
- We strongly advise you support them in returning any work they produce, this can be uploaded via Ruler, sent via email or brought into the Academy the following week. Guidance is available within the Student Noticeboard on how to do this.

Further information about Remote Learning is available at <https://www.josephleckieacademy.co.uk/rinfo>

Please note that if you have your child has had a positive test, regardless if they have been on site or not, you must still notify the Academy via postbox@josephleckieacademy.co.uk

For those students in school, if your child does develop symptoms, please do not send them to school. Notify the Academy of their absence and arrange for them to take a COVID-19 test. Once received, please report the results to the Academy on the email address above.

We will continue to keep you informed as and when we are given further guidance. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on the email above.

May I thank everyone for your on-going understanding and support during these difficult times and for your support and encouragement in ensuring your child completes their work.



Rachel Cook
Acting Principal