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Dear Parent/Carer

Since I last wrote to you, we have continued to experience an increasing number of Covid-19 cases amongst our students and staff, as well as an increase in the number of staff who are having to self-isolate. All those directly affected have been contacted individually with specific guidance.

We have therefore had to take the decision to bring forward the start date for remote learning for some year groups in the hope that all students can return to the Academy on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. This will mean that **from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will learn remotely from home, up to and including the 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

This decision will ensure that Year 11 students remain in the Academy for all lessons, excluding period 6. Throughout this period, Year 11 students will follow their normal timetable, leaving site at 3pm or at the completion of their mock exam, which will be no later than 4pm.

We plan to have all students return to the Academy on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. However, as I am sure you appreciate, this decision will be reviewed based upon the staffing situation in the Academy and any subsequent nationwide guidance implemented by the Government. Please see below an overview of the coming weeks:

ROTA DATES			
Dates	School Week	Learning Remotely at Home	Learning in the <u>Academy</u>
18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November	A	Year 7, 8, 9 & 10	Year 11
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> November	B	Year 7, 8, 9 & 10	Year 11
30 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> December	A	Year 7, 8, 9 & 10	Year 11

Whilst working remotely, students will engage with “Live Lessons” from two subject specialists per day. These will consist of either a live ‘meeting style’ experience, or a pre-recorded session with a live question and answer session, starting at 10:30am and 1:00pm and running for approximately an hour each. In addition, students will be assigned follow up work from each session that they should complete in their own time during the rest of the day. Students should aim to complete all of their work by no later than 5pm.

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The timetable for remote learning remains unchanged, as below:

ROTA TIMETABLE											
YEAR	School week	Mon		Tue		Wed		Thurs		Fri	
		AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Year 7	A	SCI	SPA	PA	ART	MA	ENG	PE	D&T	RE/PSHE	HIS
Year 7	B	MA	SCI	COM	SPA	ENG	GEO	PE	COM	PA	RE/PSHE
Year 8	A	PA	ART	SPA	ENG	SCI	COM	PA	GEO	ENG	MA
Year 8	B	PE	SCI	PE	MA	D&T	SPA	RE/PSHE	HIS	COM	RE/PSHE
Year 9	A	SPA	HIS	ENG	MA	PA	SCI	PE	BUS	GEO	RE/PSHE
Year 9	B	PA	ENG	D&T	ART	RE/PSHE	SCI	PE	COM	MA	SPA
Year 10	A	PE	OPB	OPD	MA	OPC	OPA	SCI	ENG	RE	PSHE
Year 10	B	OPA	MA	PE	OPD	SCI	RE	PSHE	OPB	ENG	OPC

In order to access the live lesson, students will logon to their Microsoft Teams account, 5-10 minutes before the start of the lesson. This can be accessed through Microsoft Teams on an installed app, or through the Google Chrome web browser.

The following steps should then be followed:

- Go to [www.office.com](http://www.office.com) or open the app
- Enter your Amington email address (e.g. [18joeblo@lfata.org.uk](mailto:18joeblo@lfata.org.uk))
- Enter your password (the one you normally use to access the computers in school)
- Select 'Microsoft Teams' from the available Office 365 options
- If you are asked to download the Teams app, click 'Use the Web App instead'
- Check the Year Group Team and the Assignments section for the appropriate link to join a Live Lesson or view a pre-recorded session. Remember that you only need to join a Q&A session if you are stuck or need to ask for help.
- Should a student have any concerns of queries they can still use EduLink to message their teacher to ask for additional support.

If your child is in the vulnerable category you will be contacted by our safeguarding team with further guidance. For any specific queries please contact your Progress Leader via EduLink, or by phone on 01827 301800:

- Mr Lacey for Year 7
- Miss Ironside for Year 8 & 9
- Mrs Squire for Year 10

For those families in receipt of Free School Meals the Academy will continue to provide vouchers via the pre-existing scheme. Please contact us if you have any questions on Free School Meal vouchers.

I understand this is an unsettling time for us all, particularly as circumstances are subject to such rapid change. I want to reassure you that we will continue to do everything possible to support your child during this time, and to ensure they still receive the same quality of education.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr A Deen**  
Principal

