

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Online Learning

I am writing to you today following the government announcement on Monday 4th January that all students who are not classed as key worker children or educationally vulnerable are to receive remote learning for term 3.

We have already worked hard on building skills and expertise in both students and staff in their use of the various Microsoft Office 365 apps to reinforce and enhance student learning. We have been using MS Teams as the platform to set, receive and feedback on student homework as well as for live lessons when staff and numerous students have had to isolate. This is the platform we will therefore use for the delivery of live lessons and feedback of student work.

Teaching and learning remains a core priority for the Academy; we have high expectations of all staff and students and will continue to deliver and build on a quality first education. All students will receive their normal quota of teaching from subject specialists, live, as much as we possibly can. This allows them to interact with staff to secure understanding of all new knowledge and content; we cannot simply consolidate and review learning which is why it is so crucial for all students to attend all of their live lessons. Where it is not possible to deliver a live lesson due to staff constraints or illness, students will be sent a recorded lesson to work through or piece of independent work to complete. We will, however, be reducing lesson times to 45 minutes. We understand that working at a screen for a prolonged period of time needs breaking up so all students will be encouraged to spend the last 15 minutes of the slot getting up and moving, getting a drink of water and speaking to somebody if they are able to.

| Year 7 | | | | |
|-----------|---------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Tech | Science | Maths | Food | History |
| Maths | French | Music | Maths | Geography |
| Geography | Maths | English | English | IT |
| Science | PE | Gen Studies | Science | English |
| English | History | Drama | Art | Science |

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| Year 8 | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Science | French | History | PE | Tech |
| Gen Studies | Science | Maths | Food | Drama |
| History | Geography | Geography | Maths | Maths |
| English | English | Science | Art | Science |
| Music | Maths | English | English | IT |

| Year 9 | | | | |
|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| English | Maths | Science | Maths | English |
| Option A | Option C | Sport/Dance | Option A | Sport/Dance |
| Maths | English | Maths | Option B | Gen Studies |
| Sport/Dance | Science | English | Option C | Option C |
| Science | Option B | Option A | Science | Option B |

| Year 10 | | | | |
|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Option C | Maths | English | Maths | Maths |
| Science | Option B | Option B | Sport/Dance | Option A |
| English | Science | Sport/Dance | Gen Studies | Science |
| Maths | Option A | Option C | English | Option B |
| Option A | English | Science | Option C | Sport/Dance |

| Year 11 | | | | |
|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Science | Option C | Option B | Option A | Science |
| Sport/Dance | Maths | English | Science | Maths |
| Option C | Option B | Option C | English | Option B |
| Option A | English | Sport/Dance | Maths | Gen Studies |
| English | Science | Maths | Sport/Dance | Option A |

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All students at the Academy have had additional training on using MS Teams since September. They may, however, need to spend some time re-familiarising themselves with it. Please see our website for 'how to videos' on how to access remote learning: <https://www.oasisacademyisleofsheppey.org/curriculum/online-learning/microsoft-teams-lesson-support>.

Exam groups

Government guidance is that assessment and exams will be different this year and the details about how final grades will be reached is yet to be released. We therefore know you will understand how important it is for all of our students due to take examinations this year to continue to join and participate in all live lessons so we have as much evidence as possible should this be required. Additionally, if students are expected to complete a form of final assessment, they need to be ready and well equipped and therefore it is imperative that they continue with their studies.

Outlook 365

Your child can log in to their school email account at <https://login.microsoftonline.com/>. Unless your child has been informed differently, their email address follows the format of firstname.lastname@oasisisleofsheppey.org.

Their password will be the one they use to logon to the school computers. If there are any issues with logging in, please contact our service desk on 0207 921 4330 or via email servicedesk@oasisuk.org

MS Teams

In order to access, students will need to 'login' to <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software>.

Their login details will be the same as their email address and password, which is the same as the login details they use to login to school computers and devices. From here, they will have access to a 'team' for each of their classes and will receive notifications when work is set and marked. They should check their 'calendar' each day for invitations to 'join' each lesson.

If a student has forgotten their login details, they should contact our service desk: 0207 921 4330 or servicedesk@oasisuk.org.

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We also have a dedicated MS Teams email address should you require further support:
MSTeamslessonsupport@oasisisleofsheppey.org.

We thank you for your ongoing support to ensure the best experience and outcomes for all of our young people.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Lee'.

Miss T Lee
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