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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Key Stage 3 Remote and Live Learning

As we are working together through the latest phase of home schooling and remote learning, I just wanted to write and remind you of some of the key messages regarding our blended learning to ensure that the process is as smooth as possible for everyone in these challenging times.

All students now have access to both live lessons on Teams delivered by teachers and assignment-based learning set by teachers on Teams.

To access our home learning package, please go the Academy website.

- By clicking on the link in the yellow banner of the top of the home page you can access your child's daily timetable
- There is a Teams Help Guide on our home page which offers support on how to access the remote timetable, Teams assignments and live lessons.
- There are two Troubleshooting Guides also on the home page which cover issues with Teams and Office 365 on different devices and platforms as well as information on how students complete work and submit documents through Teams.

Also on the website home page you will find the recording of Miss Bacon's virtual meeting with parents held last week, so if you were unable to attend the live meeting please do listen to the recording as it will give you further details of our plans for going forward this academic year.

This week our first live lessons across all Key Stage 3 groups began and the participation was fantastic from all classes with students joining lessons in different subjects and really engaging with their learning. I am delighted to report that across the Key Stage over 70% of students logged on to their live lessons and we anticipate that this will increase as we move forward and with your continued support from home.

Can I ask you to remind your child/children that in the live lessons the "chat" function is available for them to both ask and answer questions during the lesson but it is not for just general chat between them and their friends as this did crop up in some live lessons yesterday and is a distraction from the learning that is taking place.

Although our building is only open for a small group of students following the Government guidance on Key Worker and Vulnerable students, please be assured that as a school we are not "closed" and all staff are available to support and help in any way we can. On the website, we have added the direct email addresses for all the Form Tutors – this can be found in the drop-down menus at the top under About Us then Key Contact Staff. Please do email Form Tutors as your first point of contact and if they are unable to answer your query, they will ensure that it is directed to the relevant person for a response.



Principal: Miss C Bacon

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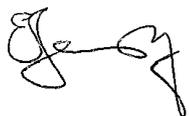
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Can I also remind Year 9 Parents that the booking portal for the Parents Evening, scheduled on Teams for Thursday 28th January, is open and can also be accessed through our website. Subject teachers will be available on the evening and appointments can also be booked with Miss Bacon, Mr Markham and Mrs Frankish.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support, our Central students have embraced their home learning package and are engaging with everything that we have to offer and this is down to the encouragement and commitment from yourselves at home. We are genuinely grateful for everything that you are doing to help us teach our students and ensure their progress continues to grow.

With every good wish to your family for 2021.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Barnsley', written in a cursive style.

Mrs E Barnsley
Director of Key Stage 3