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Dear Parents/Carers,

REMOTE LEARNING UPDATE

I hope you are keeping well despite the current challenges for everyone.

The school is open to vulnerable pupils and to children of key workers during the lockdown. If either of these categories applies to your son, then please contact the school via the enquiries email enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk (to facilitate planning) with your son's name and reason for on-site provision and someone will then contact you. Pupils are to wear their school uniform and to come equipped for learning.

Children and staff on site during lockdown will be tested weekly subject to consent. I kindly ask parents not to send their son(s) to school if any member of your household is either showing symptoms or is being tested for Covid-19. Please keep them at home and arrange a Covid test and keep the school informed.

We are now finishing our fourth week of remote learning and I write both to update you and to thank you for your support so far. Attendance to live lessons has been consistently very high and boys are both engaged and working hard. I hope the extended lunchtime is beneficial in terms of pupil wellbeing. Concern has been raised by some parents regarding the number of hours of daily screen time and wellbeing. With this mind, from Monday Feb 1st, homework will be reduced during lockdown in Years 7-11 to one weekly retrieval quiz. Independent work will continue to be set for Years 12 and 13. Boys in Yr's 7-11 will continue to submit classwork and they will get regular feedback on this.

I would like to thank parents who attended Mr Crowley's parental support session last Tuesday. I hope you found this useful. Another will be organised after half term. You can find Mr Crowley's presentation, a parental guide to google classroom and details of the school's remote educational provision on the school's website (Covid section).

A considerable number of laptops have been distributed to pupils over the last few weeks. Your son should not be doing school work on his phone or IPAD. We can provide your son with a laptop if he needs one and we can also provide help with connectivity for disadvantaged pupils. Please contact the school via email enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk and leave your son's name, Form group and details of his digital needs. We will get back to you as soon as we can.

If your son is having problems with his laptop, then please email details to chromebooks@schoolsict.support If he is having problems using google classroom, then please email enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk leaving his name and Form group and details of what he needs help with. We will get back to him as soon as possible.

Please note that parent's evenings will take place (5.00-6.00pm) remotely over the coming weeks and will consist of a member of staff holding a 10-minute virtual meeting with you and your son to review his AP1 data across all subjects, his attendance and behaviour. You will be sent an invite to the relevant meetings. Dates are as follows:

Year 7: March 4th
Year 8: Feb 11th
Year 9: March 11th
Year 10: March 25th

I'd like to remind parents of boys in Year 11 that the closing date for applications to Year 12 Sept 2021 is Jan 31st. Your son will be looked after well both pastorally and academically in preparation for his 2023 A-Level examinations.

Fr Ben Baka, our school Chaplain will celebrate Mass remotely at 8.30am from the school chapel every Friday. It was very pleasing to see over 80% of our Year 7 boys at Mass this morning. The Year group schedule for Friday Masses will be posted on SMHW.

I'd like to remind you that the next first Friday parental google meeting with the Headteacher will take place on Feb 5th 10.00-10.30am. You are all very welcome. Please email enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk if you wish to attend and you will be emailed a link to the meeting.

Ms Pabila (Assistant Headteacher-Sixth Form) will host a Friday virtual drop in (9.00-9.50am) for parents of pupils in the Sixth Form starting Feb 5th. Please email enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk if you wish to take part and you will be emailed a link.

Parents of pupils in Year 8 should note the event below:

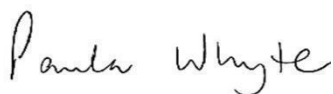
Event	Date
Year 8 GCSE Options evening for parents and pupils--this will be organised remotely. Details to follow.	Thursday Feb 4 th – two sessions, one session at 5pm and the other at 6pm

Friday, Feb 12th is a reading day for pupils in Yr's 7-13 (no live lessons). Boys will register as usual at 8.30am followed by a Head of Year half term rewards assembly. Details of reading activities will be posted in google classroom/SMHW. Staff will work on curriculum in preparation for our next Ofsted inspection.

We are always keen to listen to feedback and then review our provision accordingly. Your son will be asked to complete a pupil survey on remote learning shortly. I'd be grateful for your feedback as a parent/carer if possible by Fri Feb 5th. Please use the following link: [click here](#)

I will continue to update you regularly during lockdown. Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Paula Whyte
Headteacher