



St. Richard's Catholic College



A National Teaching School, a National Support School and a High Performing Specialist Science College



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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your family are well and I hope pupils took some time today to switch off computers, iPads and phones and have done something relaxing.

In Monday's letter [here](#), I mentioned that staff were planning to offer 'live' teaching from 29th June following confirmation from East Sussex Safeguarding Board that it was now permitted. This live teaching will be offered to pupils in Years 7-9 in Ebacc subjects and Year 9 pupils in their new option subjects for September. This 'live' teaching will be in addition to the lesson slides and resources currently being sent home to pupils.

We believe strongly that a blended approach to learning is key at this time, particularly as we do not know if or when we may be called on to re-introduce remote learning in the autumn/winter terms. Staff have been working to increase the input of audio and video in their lessons. These are now invaluable resources to pupils going forward, as they have a permanent lesson to refer back to. Live teaching will be used at St Richard's to complement these lessons and offer opportunity for connection, misconception busting and Q&A. It will complement, not replace, lesson resources.

To ensure all due safeguarding has taken place, parents/carers have been asked to give their consent to their child receiving live teaching; this includes having the lesson recorded. It is important to point out that the recording of the lesson is only for safeguarding purposes, it will not be shared elsewhere (eg if a child misses a session he/she cannot receive a recording of the lesson) and it will be permanently deleted after 12 months in line with our Safeguarding policy.

Any pupil who does not have consent will not be able to take part in a lesson, so please do remember to fill in the survey, which was emailed to you on Wednesday, before Monday morning on 29th June so that we are fully aware of your wishes.

Below is a timetable for lessons for Years 7-9. We are prioritising these year groups as Year 10 are now in school for specialist face to face lessons for at least one day, if not two days a week.

Morning Session 9.00-12.00		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9am – 10am	Year 7	English	History	Maths	Y9 into Y10 options
10am – 11am	Year 8				
11am – 12pm	Year 9				

Afternoon Session 12.00-1.00		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
12pm – 1pm	Year 7	RE	Science	Geography	MFL
1pm – 2pm	Year 8				
2pm – 3pm	Year 9				



Please note that lessons are 30 minutes in duration (noted as an optimal time for this form of teaching) and will occur during the time slots shown. Pupils will receive an email invite with instructions on how to join and the exact time - therefore they must be accessing their emails regularly. A guide for pupils to help them understand how to join and take part in the lesson is available [here](#).

Departments are personalising the experience in the best interests of the pupils for their subject area. Some will be going through lessons ahead of weekly work; others will be offering 'misconception busting' sessions; others will be clinics for key areas, whilst some subjects will be offering tasters for options to come, particularly for Year 9 into Year 10. A range of approaches will be taken in order to provide the best experience for the pupils, tailored to each subject.

Please use some time this weekend to revisit the Acceptable Use policy [here](#) shared last term ahead of the Form Tutor Google Meets, and ensure your son/daughter is fully aware of the rules and expectations so that no one spoils this experience for others. This policy has been updated to reflect the new style 'live' lessons. Please note that some of the Google Meets will be altered to avoid a clash with the 'live' lessons.

It is **really** important that pupils in school such as Key Worker children, remember to bring in their headphones next week so that they are also able to take part in the 'live' lessons.

We really hope this enhances our offer over the next three and a half weeks. Teachers are really looking forward to seeing their pupils on-line.

On a different note, can I urge you to join Sophie's Secret Postcard auction to raise funds for The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. Bids will close between 12.00pm and 10.00pm tomorrow, so do not miss out on buying your favourite postcard.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Miss D Cronin
Principal